Genealogical Questions And Answers Offers Aid To Ancestor Hunters

By MARY LOU HARLINE.

In order to aid those in the Bay Area who are seeking after their dead ancestors, genealogical questions will be received in this column and it is hoped that other readers will be able to provide answers or more clues on where to look.

Send all questions, answers and suggestions of other matters to be included that might be helpful in adding to our store of genealogical information to Mary Lou Harline, 1721 Poplar Drive, Walnut Creek, Calif.

Question from Echo Woodard Hawkins, 2455 Clement St., San Francisco 21, California: Am seeking information of Philander Goodrich Woodard. The direct line is a Harry Frank Woodard 1870-1933. Born in Michigan. (Father of Sister Hawkins.)

b. His father—Paul Romulus Woodard 1830-1915. Born in New York.

c. His father—Philander Goodrich Woodward. Born 25 Dec. 1807 of Conn. Married Permelia Kinne who was born 14 of Oct. 1810 of Conn., and died 29 Nov. 1832. She was daughter of John Kinne and Permelia Carpenter Beal, daughter of Dexter Beal, of Conn.

AS A LESSON TO PROCRASTINATORS. Sister Hawkins gives the following story:

"Paul Remulus Woodward, born in New York State, told me that he ran away from home when he was 15 because of religion. He refused to talk of his youth or his people. The marriage record scares his mother died when he was two years old.

"In 1927, I went with a friend to the Perkins family reunion, Mesa, Arizona. As I entered the house, a man came forward who startled me: he not only looked and walked like Grandad, but he was dressed like he dressed. His name was Wilcox. When I told him my surprise, he took me in to visit with a relative of his who was born a Woodard. She was a quite elderly woman and ill from the long trip from Fillmore, Utah, I believe. She said, 'There couldn't be two Paul Romulus Woodards who ran away when they were fifteen. It must be my brother (or nephew—I can't remember which).' Because of domestic trouble at the time, I lost the opportunity of going on, and have never been able to connect since. My Perkin's friends cannot even place the Bro. Wilcox of the 1927 reunion."

Hawaiian Temple Excursionist Reports Air Trip And Sights

Milton E. Noe, under date of October 20, 1953, describes in detail the first three "most remarkable days" out of ten, October 13-27, including the famous Aloha annual celebration in Honolulu.

Flying peacefully 18,000 feet above the troubled Pacific, the Hawaiian temple excursionists from the Bay Area beheld the very rare phenomena called "The Spectre of Brocken," wherein the shadow of the plane was completely encircled by a rainbow. "The whole thing following along below us for nearly an hour." They passed the Lurline "only an apparent fool long" which had left San Francisco four days ahead of the plane and arrived the day after the plane's arrival.

Leaving San Francisco at about noon Sunday, October 18, they arrived in Honolulu in time so that almost the entire group attended sacrament meeting in the Waikiki Ward. Monday afternoon they took bus and participated with a similar Polden group in a special session in the Hawaiian Temple, "a spiritual feast." Another temple session will be enjoyed later in the week.

Tuesday the party flew to the island of Hawaii, 170 miles over water to Kona where limousines took them on scenic tours.

Mentioned in the letter by Brother Noe are Mrs. Minnie Ellsworth and Clara Acomb, of Oakland, Ada Peterson of Vallejo, Mabel Wadsworth of Martinez, Sister Foulger of Berkeley Second, Florence Nielson of Claremont, Paul and Beth Thomasson of Menlo Park, Joe and LaVon Eyring of Berkeley First who are exposing picture film by the yard in two cameras. Of course Milton and Marguierita Noe are the tour sponsors and are in everything that goes on, including learning to "hula" a ton bit at lunch time by the good-looking hired bus driver.

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Castro Valley Girl Addresses First Year H. S. Students

The following timely talk was addressed to the young people entering high school for the first time this year, by one of the newest converts to our Church, Pat Fortini of Castro Valley Ward:

"Many young people are entering high school this fall. To you, to your parents, to those who soon will start high school, this word is directed.

In this new world for you, there will be many temptations and your sense of values could be blinded. Many of the so-called "popular" students will be seen smoking. Some foolish newcomers will think that it looks smart to follow suit. Don't smoke! You do not have to smoke to be popular. Choose your friends wisely: start off on the right foot. You will never regret it.

I would say that by the time of graduation, fully half of the students smoke. Do not be one of them. No one admires them any more for it. It does not make them social successes. Many of my acquaintances smoke, even drink. Time and time again they tell me how much they admire my will power. It takes very little will power as far as I'm concerned, but just a little common sense, a little common faith.

As for coffee, in your eyes just about everyone will be drinking it. But no one will reproach you if you ask for milk or water instead. They will probably say that coffee keeps them awake at night, tastes terrible, and that they wish they had the courage of the beliefs you observe.

I do not doubt your faith for one minute, but an insecure teenager can make a perfect target for many foolish things. Remember, you will not miss any fun, be less popular or have fewer friends by sticking to your standards. For your own sake, do treat the Word of Wisdom for what it really is: **A commandment of God.**

Mormon Male Chorus Elects New Officers

Under the direction of Nico D. Snel, the East Bay Mormon Male Chorus is holding weekly rehearsals for the coming concert season. Many old members of the chorus are on hand to help and there are also new members to add their talents. Rehearsals are held Monday nights at 8 o'clock in Oakland Third Ward (formerly Dimond).

New chorus officers are as follows:

A. Glenn Spencer, president, Berkeley Second; Leland H. Wright, vice president, Oakland Fourth; Bert Boets, secretary-treasurer, San Leandro; Denzell C. Allen, Sr., historian, Berkeley First; Wilson Johnson, librarian, Berkeley First.

The chorus officers wish to remind everyone that this singing activity is part of the LDS missionary program in the Bay Area. Many people can be reached by the ministry of music. It is hoped all wards and branches can furnish talent for the chorus. All qualified male voices are welcome.

Under the direction of Bro. Snel, each member will be able to add to his musical education in singing, conducting and musical composition.

'On the Bookshelf'

By WARD H. FORMAN (Berkeley First)

"Oh, if only I had some really good material for that talk I'm to prepare."

If you've ever been in this situation, you'll surely appreciate Gospel Sermonettes, a new book just released from the publisher.

This volume, retailing at $1 per copy, is composed from extracts from talks given by the General Authorities between 1949 and 1953. It contains many of the gospel doctrines given in discourses at general conferences. The advantage of this book is that each extract has been selected with the viewpoint of presenting as wide a range of subjects as possible.

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This is one of the finest books of its kind and should be valuable to members and non-members alike.

Copies of Gospel Sermonettes can be obtained through any of the following:

I. B. Ball, 1612 Spruce St., Berkeley, AS. 3-8131.

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MARTHA H. McKAIG

Martha H. McKaig, 88 Years Young, 'Sweetheart' of DUP

MARTHA H. McKAIG

Martha Hardy McKaig of Oakland Third is of the fearless sturdy pioneer stock who came to Utah among the earliest.

Sister Martha was born in Salt Lake City, December 14, 1865. She is an "alum" of the University of Utah, class of '86. She is the mother of four children and claims five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

In addition, she helped mother the original Oakland Branch, acting as a Relief Society teacher and officer. She ministered to the sick, comforted the lonely and discouraged, and her remarkable memory, strong testimony and sunny smile all make her worthy of her loving title, "The sweetheart of the Daughters of the Pioneers."

Her address is: Mrs. Martha H. McKaig, 3545 Quigley street, Oakland 19, Calif.

Her birthday is December 14, in case readers might like to drop her a card. She will be 88 years young.

Composes Words and Score

Martha Hardy McKaig seldom, if ever, misses county or camp meeting of the DUP. At the last county meeting before vacation, Daughter McKaig played one of her recent compositions, a lovely little song for children. She wrote both the score and lyric, as she does for all her songs. She just writes what she feels."

Mrs. McKaig has a remarkable memory and delights in telling stories to young people. They appreciate her as she has the point of view of youth. She attends all Church and auxiliary meetings and is an active participant in all discussions on any subject. She's a wonderful breadmaker and cook; she irons, sews, quilts and braids rugs.

BYU Professor Granted Year's Leave To Direct Speech Work At Fresno State

Dr. Alonzo J. Morley, director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic at Brigham Young University, has been granted a one-year leave of absence to direct speech and hearing activities at Fresno State College in California.

Dr. Morley, rated one of the top figures in the field of speech correction in the United States, has a long and impressive record in academic, professional, cultural and religious activities.

Born in Moroni, he is a great-grandson of former Patriarch Isaac Morley, who was a member of the first organized bishopric in the days of the Prophet Joseph.

Dr. Morley was awarded the PhD degree from the State University of Iowa in 1935 with a major in speech correction and minor in psychology.

A widely published authority, Dr. Morley has authored such writings as "Speech Power through Study and Practice," a text book in voice and diction, "Speech Education in a Democracy," and several other books of a technical nature.

He has served as visiting professor of speech at Oregon System of Higher Education, Portland Extension Center; University of Southern California; and Ohio State University.

Dr. Morley will return to BYU and resume his duties there for the 1954-55 school year.

May Errors Be Few: Pity The Poor Editor!

Every editor, no matter how small the publication, breathes a silent prayer as the edition goes to press that errors may be few.

The chance of mistakes in the September Pioneer Teacher are many. First the secretary of the division sends in the names of the officers. If he does not type or print them, undotted i's will be mistaken for e's and n's and u's be confused as well as m's and w's. Then the typist, being human, very human, will strike a few wrong keys. When the linotyper gets it, also being human, he will sometimes skip a line or also strike a wrong key. Then the proof reader may also, being human, overlook a few errors. Then the linotyper in making the corrections may correct the error indicated but make a new one, for in machine printing the whole line must be reset every time a mistake occurs in a single word. After a piece of copy has gone through these five or six hands, each one human and prone to err, can any one wonder that the editor offers that silent prayer?

—Quoted from California Pioneer Teacher—July '53.

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Berkeley Stake News

High Priest Party Honors First Heads Of Old San Francisco Stake

The annual High Priests' Party of Berkeley Stake was held in the Berkeley recreation hall, Friday, Oct. 23, Pres. Don C. Wood, presiding.

The dinner for high priests and their wives with A. D. Erickson as toastmaster, paid special tribute to the first stake presidency of the first stake in the bay area, the old San Francisco stake. This presidency and their wives were special guests of the evening and included, W. Aird and Nellie MacDonald, now of Stockton; J. Edward and La Von Johnson, still of Berkeley; and Clyde W. and Marie Lindsay of the Centerville Branch where Clyde W. is branch president.

Von Ellsworth and Reed Gardner presented a debate as to relative merits of the guest presidency vs. the present Berkeley stake presidency in several categories.

Paul Summerhays furnished several numbers on his musical saw.

Presidents Mayhew and Ranker Go East

Wayne Mayhew returned early in November from several weeks spent in Chicago on business. The Mayhews returned in late October from Cambridge, Massachusetts, where they visited their married daughter and welcomed her first child into the world.

Claremont Chapel Used

President W. Glenn Harmon addressed the first sacrament meeting held in Claremont ward chapel, Sunday, October 11. Dedication of the completed structure is expected to occur during the quarterly stake conference in May, when one of the General Authorities can be present to give the dedicatory prayer and address. Bishop Millward and ward members are receiving many commendations for the great achievement.

Stake Genealogy Dinner Postponed.

The annual Stake genealogical dinner, first set for Friday, October 23, has been postponed until Friday, Nov. 13. These annual banquets have been very popular in the past not only for the pleasant repast together but the workers in the wards, but for the excellent programs presented. Pres. C. Ronald Smith assures the standards of the past will be equalled if not excelled on November 13.

Three Ward Conferences

Ward Conferences will be held for Berkeley First, East Richmond, and Concord Wards, November 2, through 8, according to announcement from the stake presidency.

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Claremont Ward Assembles in Handsome New Chapel

Bishop A. S. Millward speaking at Initial Services held in the Claremont Chapel, October 11, 1953.

Members of Claremont Ward, under the leadership of Bishop A. Sheldon Millward, met Sunday, October 11, 1953 in their new chapel on Stuart street, Berkeley, for an initial service in the ward structure. Heard at the meeting besides the bishop and other members of the ward was Stake President W. Glenn Harmon who congratulated the membership on their devotion to the Gospel as shown by their works in erecting this beautiful, sacred structure for worship, class study, and wholesome recreation. It is hoped that the entire chapel and all its rooms will be ready and paid for and dedicated by the time of the first stake conference in 1954.

Castro Valley Ward Brings Ballet Potpourri In Artistic Entertainment

The East Bay Ballet Artists Guild presents the Starr-Nerden School Theater Dance in a "Ballet Potpourri," featuring a company of 25 at Hayward high school auditorium, Nov. 6, 1953, at 8:15 p.m., an original program of ballet choreographed by Miss Margaret Starr and Vern Nerden. Beneficiary is the Castro Ward building fund.

Featured on the program are Miss Eloise Gighiotti and Harold Garton, prominent East Bay dancers.

Accompanist will be provided by Manuel Loera of Hayward, well known piano virtuoso.

Miss Starr is a ballerina of the classic tradition with the added versatility of many diverse roles from comedy to drama. She has appeared with Ballet Russe of Colonel de Basil and a number of American companies of the San Francisco Russian Opera and Ballet association.

Nerden has toured with the Comedy Opera Guild and Anthony Tudor. He also studied at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

The program is original and will include the pas-de-deux "Despana" danced to Leoncavalo's "Malaguena."

"Winter Woods" and "Romanian Rhapsody," are also included. In a lighter vein, a group of younger students will perform, "L'ecole de Ballet."

Tickets to this ballet are now on sale at $1.20 each, including tax.

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Elder Cowley Attends Oakland Stake Conference

Oakland Stake held one of its best attended stake conferences, blest with fair weather, Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22. Sunday morning, at the Shrine temple, [illegible]46 people attended; and Sunday afternoon at the Oakland Ward c[illegible]pel attendance reached 879.

Visiting authorities for the sessions w[illegible]'lder Matthew Cowley of the Council of Twelve, and Elder [illegible] Stover of Church Genera[illegible]fare board. Oakland Stake's [illegible]sidency, Delbert F. Wright, [illegible]nn C. Shaw, and Elmo R. Smith, participated in conference sessions and conducted meetings under the direction of Elder Cowley.

A musical highlight of the morning session was the presentation of two numbers by Bay Area Samoans, most of whom are members of the Alameda Ward. The group was directed by Brother Fonoimoana.

Also featured in the morning session, as well as providing some other highly-praised numbers for the afternoon session, was the Castro Valley Ward choir under the direction of Harold Wiseman.

Elder Cowley, speaking to the Priesthood leaders Saturday evening, stressed the importance of activity and leadership through personal visits.

"Exercise the power of the priesthood," he said, "stir up these gifts, add fasting to prayers, don't let your gifts lie dormant."

Sunday morning, Elder Cowley recalled some of his missionary experiences with the Samoans, Tahaitians, Maoris and New Zealanders. He paid tribute to the Island people for their interest in the gospel and for their ability to work hard and play hard.

He urged parents to teach children repentance and to help them find their way to the gospel through love. "We can find more peace of mind on our knees than we can on a psychiatrist's couch," he said.

Oakland Stake President Delbert F. Wright, reported that the farm has been sold and other farm property is being considered.

Glen C. Shaw, who's been released after serving as first counselor in the Stake Presidency for more than four years, spoke about the importance of parents in helping to meet present-day delinquent-youth problems; Walter Stover of Church General Welfare, told of some of his experiences behind the iron curtain in helping to care for the saints spiritually and materially.

Sunday afternoon speakers and topics were: Elder Cowley who talked of present day miracles such as TV which are accepted by men who should find it easy to believe that the Lord in com-

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Richmond Offers Christmas Trees At Lowest Prices

Believing that the saints of Berkeley Stake in general will be willing to drive a little out of their way perhaps, to help a wards' welfare project by purchasing their choice of Christmas trees, East Richmond has opened a sales lot for the holidays at the stake's Welfare Center, San Pablo Avenue and Fink Lane, El Cerrito.

The ward announces that this Christmas tree sales lot will be open daily after December 1.

Trees of all kinds and sizes will be offered it is said, at the lowest prices. Everyone's patronage is respectfully solicited.

Minnie Ellsworth Wins Messenger Contest Award

ELDER COWLEY

Minnie Ellsworth of Oakland 4th Ward (Maxwell Park) won the Messenger's $10 award for the best reasons why it's good to patronize the Messenger advertisers.

The response was large and wide-spread in the contest, showing that our members are alert to the propriety of including our own business men within the circle of day to day patronage. It's considered a way of putting into practice many sermons of advice heard regarding loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Dr. Milton P. Ream Succeeds Glenn C. Shaw In Oakland Stake Presidency

In a move somewhat anticipated but nevertheless saddening, Glenn C. Shaw, first counsellor to Pres. Delbert F. Wright, of the Oakland Stake Presidency, was released from the presidency at the stake's quarterly conference, Sunday, November 22, 1953. Dr. Milton P. Ream, senior member of the high council was sustained as a member of the presidency.

Elder Shaw and family moved November 27 to Sacramento where he has become account executive with Sacramento's first television station, KCCC, an ultra high frequency TV. The station, which opened in September 1953, is owned by three Californians, one of whom, Ashley Robson, is a member of the Church.

The Shaw family's new address is 3216 Hurley Way, Sacramento. The Shaws stated that they are greatly saddened to leave their many friends in the Bay Area, but shall look forward to visiting here frequently and to having their friends call on them in Sacramento often.

Elder Shaw and family came to Berkeley in January, 1946, when Glenn C. left KSL in Salt Lake City and took over management of radio station KLX in Oakland. He had been born in Ogden, Utah, 40 years ago.

When President Shaw was released as first counsellor in the Oakland Stake presidency, Elmo R. Smith was sustained in that position, while Dr. Ream was made second counselor, succeeding Elder Smith. Dr. Ream had been serving as senior member of the high council.

BYU Group At Forensic Assn. Fresno Meet

Ten Brigham Young University students and two professors participated in a Western Speech Association Forensic Meet in Fresno, California, November 23-25. Dr. Bateman and Dr. T. Earl Pardoe, were the faculty members taking part.

Castro Valley, Alameda Youths Given Honor Awards

Two awards for outstanding youth and leader participation were presented during the Sunday morning session of the Oakland Stake conference, November 22.

Thys Winkel of the Stake High Council presented the award for girls' activities to the Castro valley ward.

Glenn C. Rounds, of the Oakland Stake High Council, and chairman of the committee for the Aaronic Priesthood under 21, presented the Stake Trophy to the Oakland Fifth ward.

Research Work In L. A. Library Now Available

Sister Leonora J. Hill, Berkeley First and research head of the stake genealogical committee, has stated that she will be in Los Angeles for a few weeks around the end of the year and would be willing to do research in the 16,000-volume genealogical library in the city of the angeles.

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The famous musician, known to millions, will bring here for his concert, the fabulous Stradivarius violin, which, insured for $100,000, is reputed to possess the most beautiful tonal qualities in the entire world.

Numbers to be heard on the Richmond concert program include Warsaw Concerto, Chopin's Polonaise, De Bussy's Clair de Lune, and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue.

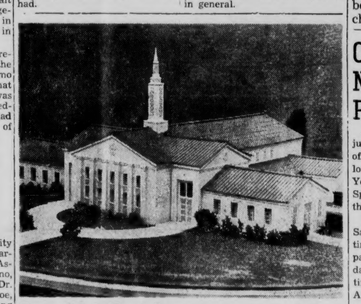
Henry Schatch Reports On Benson Story Over Local Radio

Henry Schatch, the best known farm news radio reporter in California, heard daily over KNBC at 6:15 a.m., made interesting comments November 17, regarding the California tour of Secy. Benson.

He facilously referred to the habit of the Secretary to arise very early, often at 4 a.m., saying that apparently he believed in the adage, "early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." Schatch said that the reporters who were following the tour of Benson became blearly eyed for lack of their accustomed late morning sleep. One reporter said he now knew who waked the bugler up.

The radio commentator passed on two quotations. One referred to the caravan of cattlemen who were led to call on Benson in Washington by the radical Farmer's Union, and added that in spite of the loud-spoken leaders, many of the dirt farmers at the hearing were behind the Secretary to a large degree.

The other quotation was from a New Mexico rancher to the effect that if Secretary Benson would stick to his guns he would render a greater service to agriculture and the nation than any secretary the country has ever had.



Beautiful East Los Angeles Stake Center Opens

By Leo J. Muir, L. A. Author

The new Stake Tabernacle of East Los Angeles, now nearing completion, will be the largest and most costly stake center in Southern California. This magnificent edifice will house also the Eastmont Ward of the stake, whose members have made substantial contributions toward the new center.

The quarterly conference of the stake was held in the new structure Nov. 8th. While the building was not completed, it afforded ample and comfortable accommodations for the large congregation of saints ever to convene in that stake, approximately 2,000 people.

When completely finished and the grounds landscaped, this Stake Center will represent an expenditure of $250,000. The structure stands on a circular piece of land covering an acre and a quarter. Opposite the road surrounding the structure are five triangles of land accounting for an additional acre. Four of these triangular plots will be used as parking space. One of them will be beautifully landscaped.

The capacious recreation hall is 66 feet wide and 115 feet long. At the east end of the hall is a well-appointed stage. At the west of the hall is the beautiful chapel, and between the hall and the chapel the partition arises like a curtain to permit the convenient use of the two rooms for conferences and major entertainments. The chapel seats 370 people and the auditorium when snugly seated should accomodate 1,500.

The structure provides a maximum of convenience for the organizations of ward and stake. There are two large outside patios each walled in for privacy. Provision has also been made for baptismal services on a stake basis. There are also 11 rooms for classes in the organizations of the ward.

East Los Angeles Stake embraces nine wards and one branch and has a membership of more than 7,500. Eastmont Ward, which will share in the use of the facilities has a membership of 700. Dedication is expected early in 1954.

'The American Way' Berkeley Stake's Road Show Theme

"THE AMERICAN WAY" will be the theme of the sixth annual Road Show of the Berkeley Stake which will be held January 29 and 30, 1954 at Berkeley and Martinez Ward's recreation halls.

This theme, with its infinite possibilities for variations upon the great American Way of life, its constitution, its founders, its religious and western pioneers.

Every ward in the stake is expected to participate in the event which has become one of the highlights of the MIA year.

Arrangements for the presentations are being made by Sidney F. Feller, of Berkeley Stake, YMMIA activity assistant supervintendent and Mildred "Mickey" Olson, activity counselor, YWMIA.

Messenger Printer Present As Plane Flies Speed Of Sound

Ray E. Campbell, the LDS printer of the Messenger, was an invited member of the press representatives who were at Palmdale, Calif., Tuesday, Oct. 20, when the North American Aviation Co., Inc. demonstrated their newest speed creation, the F-100 Super Sabre. He reports, through the columns of his Solano County Courier, that he saw the plane fly at the speed of sound—760 miles an hour over the southern desert.

Editor Campbell wrote: "I saw the plane pass over the administration building, followed by such turbulence that plate

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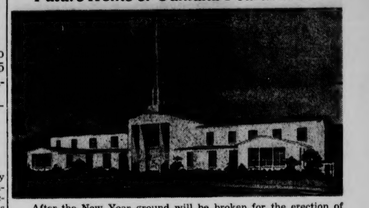
Future Home of Oakland Fourth Ward



After the New Year ground will be broken for the erection of the new chapel of Oakland Fourth Ward. The acre of ground designated, 4705 Virginia Street, is a beautiful, elevated spot. Bishop Curtis Bybee reports that among the features included by the architect, will be a completely glassed-in lounge with all-around view of the Bay Area and, adding to its charm, a huge fireplace, an all-electric kitchen, a large Aaronic priesthood and Scout Room down stairs with separate entrance, and off-street parking space for at least seventy cars. The building has over 17,000 sq. ft. and will seat 350 people, plus pulpit and choir seats. When opened up about 1200 people may be accommodated.

Secy. Benson Hears Praise of Plans In Western States

William W. Owens, secretary of the State Chamber of Commerce, reports favorable reactions by California farm groups to Secy. Benson's farm program.

Elder Owens attended the two major farmers' meetings in California at Santa Rosa and Whittier, and other lesser meetings. In each instance he heard overwhelming aproval of the Secretary's stand on farm price support. A very small radical organization made only a feeble opposition, it is said.

In Santa Fe, Secy. Benson asked how the governments' drought program was working, and the cattlemen, many of them Democrats, said the program was working "remarkably well."

Secy. Benson's five-day November tour of the drought area and rather a greater service to agriculture and the nation than any secretary of the department's farm policies in general.

Six Travel Tours Planned By BYU For Spring of 1953

The world is Brigham Young University's campus.

Next spring six University-directed travel-study tours will go to far-flung corners of the globe. They will be led by members of the BYU faculty for a mutual exchange of Western American culture and good will with that of other places.

The tours are designed primarily for both college students and off-campus adults. They are nonprofit travel-study tours primarily to serve members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, under Church standards and ideals.

The six tours planned for this year are the Bible Lands Tour, Tour of Mexico, Adult Education Study Tour, Student Tour of Europe, LDS Church History Tour and the Northland Tour.

Costs and other details of these tours follow:

1. Bible Lands Tour, set for April 2-May 13. Led by Dr. Sidney B. Sperry. Cost about $1395. Six hours credit available. Reservations: for 33; priority to applications before December 1, 1953; deadline January 1. Extension of tour to Italy, Switzerland, France, England, Scotland. May 4-27 for $515 additional.

2. Mexico Tour. Set for June 8-28. Led by H. Darrell Taylor and Ernest Wilkins of language faculty. Cost about $250, excluding meals. Four hours Spanish credit available. Reservations: priority to applications before February 1, 1954. Limit 28 persons. Deadline March 1.

3. The Adult Education Tour of England, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. Set for June 12-August 16. Led by Dr. Harold G. Clark. Cost about $1177. Credit if desired. Meals provided. Reservations: limit 32 persons; priority to applications before December 1, deadline January 1.

4. Student Tour of Europe set for June 16-August 28. Led by Dr. Rogers and Dr. Wilford E. Smith.

5. Church History Tour, June 8-29 to include visits to birthplace of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young, Sacred Grove, Hill Cumorah, Kirtland Temple, Nauvoo, Independence, Aadam-ondi-Ahman, along the Potomac by boat to Washington, D. C., New York City, Boston and Mormon trail west. Led by Alma P. Burton. Cost about $298 excluding meals. Four hours credit. Includes hotels and hotel accommodations. Limit 30 persons. Priority to applications by March 1; deadline April 1.

6. Northland Tour. Cost soon to be announced. Credit allowed. Led by Dr. George Hansen of geology department and Elliott Tuttle of geography department. Limit 32 persons. Priority to applications before January 10. Deadline March 1.

Address requests for information in any tour as soon as possible to Dr. Rogers, at BYU Extension Center, Provo, tUah.

Oakland Stake New Year's Eve Party Slated

Another Holiday Season is just about here and the members of Oakland Stake are once again looking forward to the gala New Year's Eve party sponsored by the Special Interest Departments of the Oakland Stake MIA.

For the past three years the Saints have come together at this time and had a most enjoyable party. Last year over 400 people danced, laughed and had a good time welcoming in the New Year.

At the stroke of 12 long tables were set and a smorgasbjorg supper was enjoyed by everybody present. If you were there last year, we know you won't miss the party this year.

Your admission fee is a dish of food. We will see you New Year's Eve at Hayward Ward recreation hall.

National President Lamba Delta Sigma Visits Local Institute

Director and Mrs. Lee Kenner of the Berkeley LDS Institute had as their guests November 12 and 13 Professor Wendell Rich, the national president of Lambda Sigma. Mr. Rich, Montpelier, Idaho born, has the responsibility of directing the affairs of the twenty University chapters of Lambda Delta Sigma, the LDS National college fraternity. He visited for two days with the local Lambda Delta Sigma group and from here left for the University of Nevada where he will visit the Lambda Sigma group at the University. He is associate director of the Logan LDS Institute which adjoins the campus of USAC. Elder Richt is a former Army chaplain and will soon complete work for a Ph. D. degree.

Wife, Gen. Dean, Native Salt Laker Visits Home Town

The wife of Gen. William F. Dean, the former Mildred Dern, daughter of former Utah Gov. George H. Dern, came back to her home town in Salt Lake City, Nov. 13, for a visit to relatives and to attend the wedding of a niece, Miss Tommie Louise Dern.

Mrs. Dean and the two Dean children, June, (Mrs. Robert S. Williams) and Bill, now a West Point cadet, made their home in Salt Lake City while General Dean served in Europe during World War II The Deans were married in Salt Lake City, where they first met while the general was stationed at Ft. Douglas.

Mayor Glade met Mrs. Dean at the airport. A home-coming parade and dinner for her hero-husband was held November 22.

Geraldine Kochstrasser S. F. Contralto Sings In BYU Opera Workshop

Word comes from the Brigham Young University that Geraldine Kochstrasser will be cast in a contralto part of the opera, "Sunday Excursion." This is one of a series of one-act operas to be presented by the music faculty at the "Y" during the current year.

Miss Kochstrasser is from San Francisco Stake.

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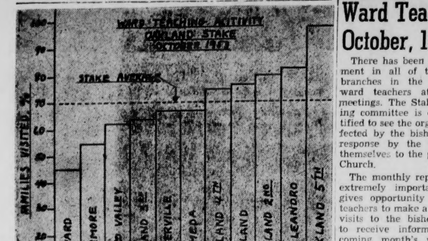

Oakland Stake Calendar: December, 1953

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES . . . OAKLAND WARD
(Exception, Saturday, Dec. 19)

December 5 — Stake Family Party	Alameda
December 12 — Senior Saints' Evening	Hayward
December 19 — 247th Quorum Seventies	Oakland
December 25 — Christmas Party	Oakland
December 29 — Stake Aaronic Priesthood Dinner	Alameda
December 31 — Young People's New Year's Dance and Breakfast	Alameda
December 31 — Special Interest New Year's Party	Hayward

OAKLAND STAKE.

Ward Conferences Hold Attractive Potluck Dinners

By MILDRED FONTANO.

The ward conferences have been successfully completed throughout the stake. Spiritual meetings were held with many stake officers in attendance. The potluck dinners Saturday evenings, with programs, brought out whole families happy to break bread with their friends. For instance, in Hayward four hundred people attended the dinner. Other wards did as well.

The high priests' party in Oakland Second Chapel on October 29 was enjoyed by 225 high priests and wives. The turkey dinner prepared by those worthy Elmhurst women chefs was the best product of the culinary art. A program of music completed the evening.

October 24, the annual "Stake Primary Fundalay" was held in Hayward this year. Boys, boys everywhere! Nearly 150 boys, besides parents and teachers.

Pres. Glenn C. Shaw and Highcouncilman James Heber Brown were among the "boys" present. Enjoyed were games, lunch and a program by the boys, including magic, and ventriloquism.

Sister Doris Sturgeon, Relief Society president in Livermore, has been ill. We wish her well.

The senior Aaronic priesthood of the stake with their wives, held a party in Alameda chapel in November.

Annual Family Party

On December 5th, the annual stake family party will be held in Alameda Ward. All stake officers

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Oakland Stake Ward Teaching October, 1953

There has been a big improvement in all of the wards and branches in the attendance of ward teachers at their report meetings. The Stake ward-teaching committee is extremely gratified to see the organizations perfected by the bishoprics and the response by the ward teachers themselves to the program of the Church.

The monthly report meeting is extremely important in that it gives opportunity for the ward teachers to make a report of their visits to the bishopric and also to receive information for the coming month's visits and instructions from their leaders on how to improve and perfect the quality of their visits. It is hoped that every ward teacher will regularly attend the report meeting which will be held on the last Sunday of each month.

Oakland 5th Ward Aaronic Boys Group Wins Prized Trophy

This is to announce that the Oakland 5th Ward has won the State Aaaronic Priesthood contest for the quarter — July-September — 1953. The trophy was awarded to this Ward at the Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference, November 22nd. This is the newest ward in the Oakland Stake. The boys have worked hard for this honor. The Oakland 4th Ward won the contest for the month of September.

Oakland Stake Fathers-Sons Banquet Set

The Oakland Stake Aaronic priesthood banquet will be held in the Hayward Ward chapel, Tuesday night, December 29th, at 7:00 p.m. This is a special Fathers and Sons night and has been arranged to introduce the 1954 Aaronic priesthood program. All boys between the ages of 12 and 21 are invited — whether or not they hold the priesthood. This should prove a memorable banquet — plenty of delicious food will be served (by the bishops). Grand entertainment and sports personalities will add to the enjoyment of the evening. Each boy should notify his bishop or branch president whether or not he will attend (including his father). Transportation will be arranged, if necessary, by the bishop of each ward or branch president.

SAN LEANDRO WARD

Conference Dinner, Sunday Session Generously Attended

By VERLA SANDSTROM.

San Leandro Ward took its turn in the round of ward conferences of the Oakland Stake on October 14 and 15. The banquet, held Saturday evening was attended by the largest group ever to meet in a social gathering in the ward house. Dinner was delicious and well served.

The program, under the direction of the Sunday School, and with Brother Al Fontana as MC was presented, for the most part, by the children. It is thrilling to see the talents and abilities of these children in song and dance.

It was estimated that approximately 423 were in attendance at the morning session of the conference.

Herbert Marsh, who is stationed in South Carolina, as chaplain in the Navy, stopped for a brief visit with his mother, Catherine Marsh, Sunday, November 15. He was able to attend the Sunday evening sacrament service.

We have had a traveling bishopric during the past month. Our bishop, on a business trip to Florida, had just returned home when his second counselor, Myron L. Christensen, flew East on business.

We have been saddened by the news of the death of the little grandson of Brother and Sister Alan Davidson. The baby, born to Desmond and Carol Stewart, lived only a few hours.

We would like to encourage everyone in the ward to visit Brother and Sister Thomas, who are not able to get with us for the present.

At the Primary's successful Hallowe'en party, over 125 were in attendance.

OAKLAND FOURTH

Social Activities Spotlight December

By Gerry Larsen
Coming Events

Dec. 3. The Relief Society invites you to buy your Christmas gifts and restock your own handwork supplies at the ward bazaar. Many other items will be sold and enjoyed. **Dec. 15.** The M.I.A. presents its Christmas program with two short plays and excellent music. **Dec. 22.** All members of the ward will enjoy "Christmas around the World," with the Sunday School and Primary. Also a loveable old Santa Claus.

Coming soon is a court of honor for the Scouts of Troop 4.

Ward Special Interest Group—The annual New Year's party will be held in Hayward Ward recreational hall.

Dr. A. K. Bramwell is the new leader of Special Interest atMIA. The text is "Joseph Smith," by Dr. Widtsoe. We congratulate David Shaw on his graduation from Primary.

Janice Dent has been released from Jr. Sunday School, to serve on the stake board. Many workers have been added to the teaching corps of all auxiliaries.

Earle S. Larsen has joined the genealogical committee as second counsellor.

In retrospect we remember the inspirational ward conference held this month under the direction of Pres. Elmo R. Smith.

Margaret Wright has returned home from Utah.

Marge Shaw and little son have joined Glen at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Pres. and Sis. Shaw made the trip with them.

Bro. Herbert Jonson has returned from his visit in England.

Morris Smith is now in the Philippines. Donna and the baby remain in Oakland.

Florence Cragun and her family hope to join Capt. Gail Cragun in Germany in time for Christmas with daddy.

Melvina Earl has become our most traveled lady, confirmed by a recent trip to Utah.

We welcome John Dayley, III.

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The "Go Ahead" Comes from S.L.C. On Church Property

"Centerville Branch"

The "Go Ahead" signal came from the Church Authorities in November to begin work clearing the church property on Fremont Ave., in Centerville. A large group worked at digging peony bulbs, and boxing them in sawdust, under the direction of Fran-

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OAKLAND 4th

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and his little bride, Tsutae, a recent convert. John has received his discharge from the Army after 14 years service.

Norma Williams drove home from L. A. for Thanksgiving.

Harley Sanders, home for a short convalescent stay, has joined his family on a Thanksgiving trip to Arizona.

While Luke is in Chicago, Hattie Robinson is visiting in L.A.

At present Oakland 4th Ward has twelve Stake missionaries under the direction of Dist. Pres. Robert Troub. Several new members have been welcomed. Among them being the Lampasious family; Collen Reilly, whose two children have also been blessed; Karle Bird and his son, Jim; Gilbert Raphael and others.

Jeanne Bramwell, Nana Folkman and Lamar Thomas have recently completed training course for new missionaries.

SERVICEMEN'S COLUMN

Oakland Fourth Ward has 14 men in service. Six are serving overseas. Jack Nelson, son of John and Fern, is in Japan. His wife, Shirley, lives in Oakland. Earl Larsen, son of Bea, is serving in Germany, singing and organizing music in the church groups. Keith Stephens is on Okinawa serving as Sunday school teacher and speaking often at meetings. Leroy Craven, husband of Elaine Henderson Craven, is with Paratroops in Japan. Capt. Gail Cragun, also in Germany, hopes soon to be joined by his family. Floyd Harkins, son of Merle and Vera is in Korea, where he is able to attend Church services quite regularly.

Among the luckier fellows, Corporal Bob Henderson, was home for Thanksgiving, bringing a buddy.

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BALBOA WARD
Ward Sees Model Of New Building

By Mabel G. Simister

Balboa saw a model of their new chapel Sunday, November 15, built as a money box by Keith Griffiths. This provides a way for saints to put spare pennies "into" the building fund.

MIA officers and teachers held a luncheon November 14, at the home of Mabel Simister. Our road show numbers were under the direction of Mike Alvord.

The ward welcomes as new members James Witherspoon and Eldon and Barbara Matthews.

Ordinances

Haldane Cashdollar, a deacon; Jack W. Paskel, a teacher; John Geertson, an elder. Barvin B. Ashton and John Gertson are now members of the building committee. Charles Hess and James Witherspoon are teachers in Sunday School. Rosalie Bailey is in Primary. Corinne Howard is retained as Relief Society Organist.

SAN RAFAEL:

Somoan Food, Song, Flowers, Fruit, Leis Fill Happy Evening

By Barbara Jean Reynolds

Tropical flowers, fruits, and leis together with succulent Samoan dishes and Island entertainment made an evening which will long be remembered by more than 350 who attended the Samoan ward building fund event. Heartfelt thanks to the Tao family for the hours spent preparing special foods plus Tahitian dances performed. United Airlines for the Island films shown and to all committees who functioned so efficiently.

Recently sustained auxiliary officers are Melita Coombs, Jr., Sunday School coordinator; Primary presidency, Gladys Gilchrist, Virginia Candrian, Jeanne Beck; Relief Society secretary, Elfreda Tomlinson; Mutual activity counselor, Lois Poulson; Drama director, Sister Sorenson; and Era director, Pat Michaud. San Rafael is proud, too, of its growing stake missionary group. Mary and Les Spencer with Meryl and Al Schroeder join the Milton Bonds in this work.

Sincere congratulations to the Stewarts and Poulsons, two of our families who visited Salt Lake Temple last summer for their own endowments and sealings—also to Merle and Elyse Smith on the birth of their son. We'll miss Kent and Rhinda Bennion transferred by the A.A.F. to Newfoundland.

COMING EVENTS:

Don't miss the Relief Society Bazaar featuring holiday foods and gift items, Friday, December 4, Bianco's Garage, San Rafael, or three unusually fine programs conducive to a peaceful and reverent Christmas season. The three programs are:

1. "Holy Night," Wednesday evening, December 16, under the direction of the MIA.
2. Cleon Skousen's outstanding pageant, "The Real Story of Christmas," to be presented on Sunday morning, December 20.
3. Christmas choir arrangements featured Sunday evening, December 20.

Join us there in his name.

SUNSET WORD

Blazers, Larks Co-Pilots, Top-Pilots Enjoy Activity

By Roxie W. Kanzler
All Ward Offices Filled

Naomi Bowman was chosen second counselor in the Relief Society, thus completing all ward organizations.

Primary Activities

Oct. 14. Blazer welcome, spaghetti dinner.

Oct. 14. Lark welcome, refreshments. Sister Vivian Neff, president of Stake board, attended these socials.

Oct. 20th. Hallowe'en party: 80

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BALBOA SECOND WARD
MIA Drama Night Demonstrated Talent Among Ward's Youth

By Ruth Chalil

M.I.A. held drama night Nov. 4th. Those taking part on this interesting program are as follows: In skit from the Beehive girls: Nancy Roberts, Sheila Koski, Marcia Arvello, Barbara Laabs, song, Erma Lee Williams, trumpet solo, Dennis Bennion: comedy song by Edgar Williams, duet by Nancy Roberts and Harris Kenner; Ray Clark, reading; Tom Kennedy, accordion; Sherrylynn Roberts, reading, and a skit by the Scouts.

Inez Kener's class, top pilots, and Florence Hansen's class, bluebirds, each on a Sunday afternoon invited the parents to visit and see what their children do in Primary. 105 attended the Hallowe'en party. The Guide Scouts, Tommy Roberts and Johnnie Johnson are enthusiastic about their work.

Baptized: Virginia Galbraith Nelson, her son, Cory Nelson, and Maryjou June Mathias. Ordained: Ray Carter, deacon, Dennis Bennion and Thomas B. Clark, priests.

Sustained: Evelyn Nimen, secretary Jr. S.S.; Sally Weeman, secretary Sunday School; Genealogy home teachers, Belva and Samuel Sullivan, Sally Kennedy, Ernest and LaRae Lloyd.

Blessed: Suzanne Fisher, Richard Warren Davis, Julie Williams. The bishopric extends a hearty congratulation for the good work of the ward teachers who visited 89% of the homes.

If you want to learn more about the Book of Mormon come to MIA. Ellen Taylor is teaching in the Special Interest Class.

We'll miss Ralph and Barbara Fisher and daughter, Suzanne. Ralph has been released from the Navy so they have returned to their home.

Bishop's Message: The birth of the Son of God was as real as that of anyone that is alive today. May we of the Church of Jesus Christ always realize this. Our celebration this month should be in commemoration of his birth and not given to festivities of and in adherence to mythical personages.

SAN FRANCISCO WARD

Special Interest Starts New Project For Retired Members

Dr. J. Morrel George, while in Salt Lake City recently, spoke to the general authorities of the church about starting a project here designed to provide an outlet for the talents of retired members of the ward. As instructor of the M. I. A. Special Interest Group, Dr. George is very successfully proving that Mutual is not "just for the young folks" by lecturing on Geriontology, or "The Art of Growing Old."

The Sunday School, M.I.A., Primary and Genealogy Class aided in making our annual Relief Society Bazaar a big success.

Sunday School Workers Wanted

San Francisco Ward members desiring positions in the Sunday School please make your wishes known to the Superintendency. We are always looking for workers.

Richard Farr is president of the new enlistment program in the Sunday School. It's purpose is to contact the inactive members and invite them out to church. It is producing very good results.

New Members: Arthur Jacobson, Jack L. Ballard, Easter Halem, Ivy M. Perry, Cornelious Schettler, Lucinda Lambert, Sarah Parkin, Wayne Parkin, E. Wayne Wright, Maxine Wright, Freda Wolf, Alice B. Brewer, James O. Nelms, Naomi Krisig,

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SAN FRANCISCO STAKE NEWS

San Francisco Stake Social Calendar

Dec. 4 Fri. Stake Missionary Social.
5 Sat. Baptismal Service. Guide Scout Outing.
7 Mon. Stake Primary Prep. Mtg. 10 a.m.
12 Sat. Stake Special Interest Candle-Light Dinner.
17 Thu. Stake Leadership Mtg. (Auxiliary Org's.).
18 Fri. Sunset Ward Christmas Party.
21 Mon. Monthly Stake Priesthood Mtg.
22 Tue. and
23 Wed. Ward Christmas Parties.
28 Mon. MIA Leadership Mtg.
29 Tues. Guide Scout Outing.
31 Thu. New Year's Eve Dance.
Jan. 2 Sat. Baptismal Service.
8 Fri. Mission Ward Dance.
9 Sat. Sunset Ward Green & Gold Ball.

SAN FRANCISCO STAKE MEETINGS

MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER, 1953:
1 Tue. 7:45 p.m. Stake Welfare Committee.
3 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Stake Mel. Pr. Committee; 7:00 p.m. Stake Aaronic Pr. Committee; 8:00 p.m. Stake Presidency & High Council.
5 Sat. 6:30 p.m. Baptismal Service at Stake House.
6 Sun. — Fast Sunday.
6 Sun. 2:00 — 6:00 p.m. Conference for Stake Missionaries. (Interested members invited).
7 Mon. 10:00 a.m. Stake Primary Preparation Meeting.
8 Tue. 7:45 p.m. Stake Presidency Meeting.
13 Sun. 2:30 p.m. Bishoprics and Stake Presidency Meeting.
14 Mon. 8:30 p.m. Bishops' Council (at Bishops' Storehouse).
15 Tue. 7:45 p.m. Stake Presidency Meeting.
17 Thu. 7:00 p.m. Stake Mel. Pr. Committee; 7:45 p.m. Heads of Auxiliary Organizations, Stake Presidency & High Council.
21 Mon. 7:45 p.m. MONTHLY STAKE PRIESTHOOD MEETING.
22 Tue. 7:45 p.m. Stake Presidency Meeting.
27 Sun. — High Council Visits to All Wards.
28 Mon. 7:30 p.m. Stake MIA Leadership Meeting.
29 Tue. 7:45 p.m. Stake Presidency Meeting.
JANUARY, 1954:
2 Sat. Baptismal Service at Stake House — 6:30 p.m.
3 Sun. Fast Sunday.

MISSION WARD:

Young People's Good Examples Inspire Others

By MABEL LIDDELL

We particularly express our appreciation to the young people in our ward this month. Many of you are regularly attending all of your meetings and are so eagerly participating in a variety of ways. We want you to know that we who are older are stimulated and inspired by this example. There is no way to measure the worth of a valiant young man or girl in this challenging world. You are like a light on a stormy sea. Your confused companions are watching you, and often following your lead, even when you least suspect it. God bless you every one.

Your Bishopric

Do you know that on December 2 Bishop Allred will have been our beloved leader for 19 years, and that December 14 is his birthday? Early this year he set a goal of 50 percent of the membership in attendance at all meetings except Sunday School, where 75 percent is expected and 100 per cent at priesthood meetings. We can easily realize this goal if each of us brings a friend at each meeting for the whole month of December, in his honor. Let's show our Bishop that we love him by doing what he asks of us!

NEWS OF OUR SERVICE MEN

The navy men, based on Treasure Island, meet in MIA session each Wednesday night. Classes are divided between Book of Mormon study and the missionary series recordings. From 15 Jones, has accepted the gospel to 25 men attend regularly. and was baptized in Octobtr. Chaplain Robert Gwilliams is director of L.D.S. servicemen's activities on Treasure Island.

Kenneth Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harper, leaves soon for San Diego for basic training with the U. S. Marines.

Whitney Teo came home on leave from Fort Ord November 8 in order to participate in the Samoan night program at San Rafael with his family. Roy Teo is serving at Camp Campbell in Kentucky. He has won highest possible merit in marksmanship.

Bill Stolzenburg is now in army service in Frankfort, Germany, where Captain Clyde Hart, formerly of San Francisco Stake is president of the Frankfurt Branch.

Leo Liddell jr. will be leaving soon for a five month tour of sea duty in the Pacific with the U. S. Coast Guard.

Let's give ALL of our servicemen a Christmas card and letter shower. Get their addresses from the bulletin board and mail early. These boys are manning lonely outposts of freedom for us. We dare not forget them.

At the regular primary officers meeting November 5, a reports that a regional meeting

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The Stephen Winters Return After Extended Eastern Visiting

By JEAN LAUPER

STAKE PATRIARCH Stephen H. Winter and his wife, Gladys, returned from the East to report the highlight of their extensive trip was the marriage of their daughter, Louise, to Sherwood Keith Lacount. For several years Louise and her husband, whose professional name is Sherwood Keith, have been associated in acting, directing and managing Little Theatre productions in the Boothbay Theatre, Boothbay, Maine. Recently he purchased the Deertrees Theatre in Harrison, Maine, considered the finest and best equipped theatre for his particular field, in the entire United States. Future plans are for Mr. and Mrs. Keith to operate both theatres during the season; bringing in for weekly engagements, the outstanding theatre groups of the east coast.

A hundred friends assembled to hear President Winter read the marriage service, and later, members of the theatre group entertained at a **reception honoring the newlyweds.**

Pres. and Sister Winter spent about a week with their daughter before and after the wedding, then continued their trip which took them from Eastern Canada to Mexico before they returned home in mid-November as follows: Rafael and Balboa Wards, superior; Sunset, Balboa, San Francisco and Mission as excellent.

THANKSGIVING was celebrated at two stake parties: Friday evening, Nov. 27, a stake Thanksgiving ball; the following night a teen age party for Bee Hive girls and Scouts.

DECEMBER 12 is the annual

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MARIAN NELSON, recently sustained president of the Stake YWMIA, announces the following counselors and board members, most of whom served under Sister Bramwell: Elaine Reed, activity counselor; Afton Jensen, age group counselor; Gladys Wooten, secretary-treasurer; LeNay Russell, attendance secretary; Lorrainne Wilkinson, music director; Linda Hazen, Era; Beryl Theurer, special interest; Lyle Rasmusen, gleaner activity; Irene Laycock, gleaner manual; Emily Trottier, Mia Maid supervisor and Alice Chamberlin, Bee keeper.

MIA Road Show

Friday and Saturday evenings, November 20 and 21, the Stake MIA road show went on the road. Judges who came from outside the stake were Fleming Pope, activity counselor of Oakland stake, Carl L. Brockbank, highcounciman of Santa Rosa stake, and his wife, Helen, president of the Santa Rosa Stake MIA. They judged in mid-November as follows: Rafael and Balboa Wards, superior; Sunset, Balboa, San Francisco and Mission as excellent.

BORN to Jessie Martin Albrecht, formerly of the Stake Relief Society presidency, a son. He arrived Nov. 13, and has been named Robert Jay.

Alice D. Greene Released

ALICE D. GREENE, who has been in charge of the Social Science department of the Relief Society board, has decided to remain in Salt Lake City for some time and has been released from the board. Dr. Clifford Curtis, whose wife, Thelma, is on the RS board, is in the hospital with polio, where he probably will remain for two months.

SISTER ANN BARTON traveled by air to Salt Lake City November 21. She will be under the care of her brother, Dr. Paul Richards, for some time, and hopes to return home in January. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. George Eldredge. With Sister Barton away, the garments will be handled by Gladys Winder and Edna Sorcen.

FRANK E. YOUNG, jr., formerly stake high councilman, his wife, Gertude, and daughter, Marilyn, drove down from their home in SLC to join their son, Frank, who is a junior at Stanford, for the BIG GAME.

Six-Stake Primary Meet

VIVIAN NEFF of the Primary reports that a regional meeting was held November 2. Six members from each of the stake boards in the six stakes of this region met at the Neff home for luncheon, a discussion and exchange of ideas. This group meets every other month, each stake Primary acting as hostess in turn. Sister Neff has a new counselor, Ellis Kirkham of San Francisco Ward, who has taken the place of Ruby McDonald, recently released.

SISTER BLODWIN DAVIS passed away October 28 after an illness of several months. A member of the stake for many years, Sister Davis, who was a talented musician ,took part in many ward and stake activities and was much loved. She is survived by her husband, Frederick, a son, Frederick, Jr., her daughter-in-law, Gladys, and a grandson.

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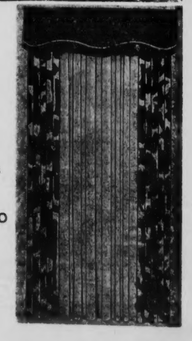

Tight Binding

Christmas All The Year Through

If Christ be risen in one's heart, it's Christmas all the time. If Christ be not risen in the heart it's never really Christmas at any time no matter what the day.

EDITORIAL

Christmas is a spirit, and a spirit, an affair of the heart, may be experienced at any time. When and —wherever the spirit is, there is Christmas. If the spirit of Christmas be absent or lost, tho it be December 25th, it is not Christmas.

Simple and quiet ways are sufficient for celebrations of Christmas where the true spirit of the day prevails. In vain is Christmas Day observed in ways and in spirit that are not Christ-like.

It is great gain to observe Christmas in spirit and in truth, remembering the events and the glory the day commemorates.

It is the nature of set and established anniversaries to lose the spirit of the day and to keep only the dead form filled in with activities far removed from the original intent.

No doubt, there is charm and good influence in the usual pattern of Christmas observances. Yet this somewhat benign effect of usual Christmas times is dim when compared to sunlight.

Only in sunlight do things grow. Only in the true spirit of Christmas does the soul grow — and then it grows the year through.

Song of Praise by Mary, Mother of Jesus

We are told that after the angel Gabriel had visited Mary and announced her call to become the mother of the Son of God, Mary went in haste to visit Elizabeth, the mother-to-be of John the Baptist.

On entering the home and being saluted by Elizabeth, Mary spoke under inspiration the song of praise, called by many, the magnificat. Luke gives us Mary's song:

"My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

"For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from hence forth all generations shall call me blessed.

"He that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is His name.

"And his mercy is on them that fear Him from generation to generation.

"He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imaginavith of their hearts.

"He hath put down the might from their seats and exalted them of low degree.

"He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

"He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy.

"As He spake to the fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever."

And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own home.—Luke 1:46-56.

Heard at Berkeley Stake Conference

● Atheism doesn't grow in a desert.

● "I have lost my faith," a man said. Elder Almz Sonne replied, "Go home and read the gospel of John, and then the Book of Mormon."

● "Get out of debt; keep one year's food and clothing supply ahead at all times," said Elder Stayner.

● "To do without something you would like is an essential to happiness."—Elder Stayner.

● Do we pay tithing? We should; it belongs to the Lord, not to us. Return it to him and be rewarded, somewhat akin to one finding a purse and returning it to the owner and receiving a reward.

● A great outcome of living the welfare program is the growth in character.

● In one word a sister put up a sign over a milk bottle: "Give the price of an ice cream cone or candy bar and put money in this bottle to buy a cow to give milk to children in Europe." Result nine cows were purchased and shipped.

Prize Winners Announced In Contest, "Three Reasons For Patronizing Messenger Advertisers"

THE BLOOD BANK

273rd Seventy Quorum Assigned Dec. Contribution

For the month of November the 273rd Quorum of Seventy of Elders was given the assignment of contributing blood to the Stake bank. For December, the 273rd Quorum of Seventy have accepted this assignment.

Brother Elmo Carr, Chairman of the Stake Blood Bank Committee, reports that four pints of blood were issued last week, leaving a balance of only six pints on hand. We should have 100 pints on hand for our safety's sake. We are urged to remember that Quorum activity should be a family activity, and that members of the family other than the priesthood holder are frequently benefitted by this project. All eligible members of the family are urged to participate.

Try Yourself On Church Words Spelling Bee

Latter Day Saints or Latter-day Saints?

Genealogy or genealogy?

Melchezedek or Melchizedek?

Aronnic or Aaronic?

Patriarchical or patriarchal?

Dentronomy or Deuteronomy?

Gallilee or Galilee?

Isaiah or Isaiah?

Ephriam or Ephraim?

Jeramiah or Jeremiah?

Baptise or Baptize?

If the proof reader has done his duty, the second spelling is the correct one in each case.

Ladder of Success

The 100% Man	I did,
The 90% Man	I will,
The 80% Man	I can,
The 70% Man	I think I can,
The 60% Man	I might,
The 50% Man	I think I might,
The 40% Man	What is it?
The 30% Man	I wish I could,
The 20% Man	I don't know how,
The 10% Man	I can not,
The 00% Man	I will not.—Anon.

MY TESTIMONY

J. Bryan Barton Testified to Divine Guidance In His Life

Contributed by Mabel B. Liddell, S. F.

J. Bryan Barton, beloved late president of San Francisco Stake, related the following vivid experience on several occasions. It illustrates in startling manner the importance of putting God's work first.

During the early years of their married life, Bryan and Ann Barton lived in Washington, D. C., where, in addition to his daily work in Government service, Brother Barton attended law school evenings at George Washington University. Upon being transferred to Philadelphia where he was to assume a very demanding position with the wartime Emergency Fleet, he had high hopes of continuing his school work evenings at Temple University. Upon application for admission, however, he was rejected. The reason given was that a full course in law for such a busy man was unthinkable. It was explained to him that Temple University standards were very high and they felt that with his family responsibilities (the Bartons had two young children) and the demands of his daily work, he should not even attempt it.

Feeling very depressed, he and Sister Barton attended church the next morning at the Philadelphia Branch. Brother Barton noticed the Branch President looking at him several times and felt impressed that he was going to be asked to take an assignment in the church there. Immediately a moment of inner rebellion seized his thoughts. Surely if he had too many jobs for admission to Temple, he had too many jobs to serve in the branch. He had firmly decided to say no to any proposition offered him, when, as though a firm voice was disciplining him, he words, "If you won't work for the Lord, the Lord won't work for you," forced themselves into his mind.

The impression was so pronounced that when the service was over, the Branch President hardly had time to ask Brother Barton to teach a Sunday School class, when he accepted, more eagerly than he had ever accepted any position in his life.

The next morning, without further urging or inquiry on part, Bryan Barton was admitted to Temple University. He was never given any reason for their changing attitude, but he knew that the Lord had directed the decision in some amazing way.

From that time, through his entire life, this thought was the guiding principle of his life, "if you will work for the Lord, the Lord will work for you."

His assignment for the following two years was an extremely heavy one, for both him and his wife, Ann. Bryan had to leave home very early in the morning, going to school directly from work in the late afternoon, and arriving home at eleven o'clock or later, every night. There was the usual homework, also, but he let nothing interfere with his whole-hearted pursuance of his church assignment on Sunday.

When he left Temple University he was given a letter of approval and high recommendation which he treasured all of his life.

— approved by Ann R. Barton.

Troop 8 Reunion Boy Scouts Set For Dec. 29

"We are 25 years young," reads the call for a grand reunion celebration of Troop 8, Boy Scouts of America, Tuesday, December 29, 1953.

This "alumni" event calls for all past and present members of Troop 8 to join in a get-together program, exhibit, court of honor, and refreshment-social period in the Berkeley chapel, Walnut and Vine, on the last Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m.

Wives and sweethearts are also urged to attend. Dr. R. L. Knight is taking replies at 820 Contra Costa, Berkeley.

Bob Johnson, troop historian, calls for old photos and also

Your Dental Health

By Dr. Hearl Crowther (Oral Surgeon, San Leandro)

When that day arrives in which we are told, "there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth," a large volume of the sound, no doubt, will emanate from artificial dentures; or, as they are commonly called, "false teeth."

Truer words were never spoken than these, "Be true to your teeth or they will be false to you." Therefore, it is the hope of this writer to present to the readers of The Messenger a series of articles planned to forestall that day when one could be sitting in a dental chair, and saying in fear and trembling, "Is this going to hurt? How much will it cost?" and, "Will I have to go without teeth?"

In most instances our Creator gave us a full, adequate, and beautiful set of natural teeth; eight incisors to cut; four cuspids to tear; eight bicuspids to mash; and 12 molars to grind the type of food intended for man's use. But man, seeking ease, convenience, taste, AND PROFIT has unwittingly conspired against himself to literally destroy himself.

Destroy himself? Yes, the very temple of his spirit by habitually eating a preponderance of food deficient in minerals and vitamins, processed and refined by methods to the degree that in many instances the product is practically a pure form of starch; bulk without proper nourishment, and/or other rations inadequately supplied with normal body requirements.

In the next issue of The Messenger we will endeavor to set down the type and proportion of foods which we should eat in order to maintain a healthy body balance.

L.A. Temple Near Cornerstone Laying

Laying the cornerstone of the Los Angeles Temple is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 11, according to official announcement by the First Presidency in late November.

The ceremonies will be under the direction of President David O. McKay, assisted by his counselors, Stephen L. Richards and J. Reuben Clark Jr. The other General Authorities of the Church and their wives will be invited to attend the special services.

Pictures show the Temple structure is rapidly taking shape, and even in its incomplete form is imposing. Construction is reported as far ahead of schedule.

Mortuary's Calendar Shows Logan Temple In Full Color

M. Dee Smith, co-owner of Robinson Brothers Mortuary, informs us that this firm is preparing a 1954 calendar with a colored picture of the Logan Temple (the original picture, incidentally was taken by Wilford Pennock of the Oakland Ward.) This will be the third in a series of calenders featuring LDS temples published by this firm; the other two were the Salt Lake and Idaho Falls Temples.

As in other years this calender will include the bishop's name and phone number of each ward concerned as well as a schedule of all ward meetings.

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BYU NEWS

Home Study Courses Popular in 40 States, Available to Anyone

Men, women, boys and girls from 40 states and an undetermined number of foreign countries were enrolled in the Brigham Young university home study courses last year, it was announced by university officials.

During the past fiscal year, 2415 students were serviced by the home study bureau, and 77 per cent of the students enrolled successfully completed their correspondence courses.

Of the total number of students enrolled, 291 are members of the United States armed forces; Foreign countries represented include Alaska, Canada, Iran, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Sweden, Switzerland, and those where servicemen were stationed whose mail was addressed through an army post office.

BYU NURSING COURSE

A total of 221 are registered in the nurses training school at BYU. Actual experience in all phases of nursing are given at the LDS hospital and the Children's hospital in Salt Lake City and elsewhere.

CALIFORNIA MISS & MR. WRITE VARIETY SHOW MUSIC AND SCRIPT

For the first time since 1949, a student-written, student-produced variety show is slated for production at BYU. Four performances have been set in Smith auditorium November 18, 19, 20 and 21.

The music for the variety show has been written by a charming and talented music major from Pasadena. She is 21-year-old Linda Worsley. In addition to writing the show, Linda is training the orchestra and chorus for the production.

BOOK REVIEW.

Muir's Card Library Of Choice Writings Comes Off The Press

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● There was no room for Christ in the inn; have you room for Him in your heart?

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Start the report thus: (We use an imaginary case):)

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SIXTEEN GIRLS WIN AWARDS FOR RECORDS OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

By Mary Maryfield.

Limit each line in the heading to 20 letters and spaces together.

Follow this heading with a paragraph telling about the girls' awards. Don't put a bishop's message first unless you make up a heading from the bishop's message. In other words, always make the heading come from the first paragraph of the story, which naturally, should be an item of prime importance for the month.

Physician of Note Recommends His Favorite Cookbook

Dr. William Brady, M.D., syndicated "Health Service" column in the Berkeley Gazette of September 23, 1953, a word for all who wish it.

"The conjectures of (here Dr. Brady mentions several so-called authorities in the field of foods and cookery) add up to small potatoes against the hard facts set forth in Adelle Davis' famous 1953, "Let's Cook it Right" (Published by Harcourt, Brace & Co., New York). The book is available in every public library, worthy of the name . . .",

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WEDDING BELLS

OAKLAND SECOND:

Frank Birch of Oakland Second and Vonzas Jones of Lewiston, Utah, were married Nov. 23 in the Logan Temple. The bride is a niece of Nita Van Noy. They moved into their new home in East Oakland upon their return.

RODEO:

Dorlene Wanlass and Donald DeTomasi were married Nov. 7 at a pretty home wedding. Dorlene is the daughter of the M. L. Wanlasses of Rodeo. The reception was held at the Hotel Claremont, Berkeley. After a wedding trip to Los Angeles, the couple are now at home in Crockett.

MISSION WARD:

Joseph Quigley and Mrs. Blanche Duncanson were married in Elko, Nevada, Oct. 17th, by Bishop Grant Turner.

CLAREMONT:

A reception was held for Mary Ellen and Blake Burns Allred, Wednesday, Aug. 26th, at the Berkeley Ward chapel.

BERKELEY SECOND:

A reception for Diane and John Robert Brinton was held Aug. 14th at the Pleasant Grove First Ward chapel.

OAKLAND SECOND:

A wedding reception in early November honoring Patricia Hilton and Fred Shumway, was held at the home of Eugene S. Smith in East Oakland.

CONCORD:

Stanley Dahlin, Jr., and Joyce Lanphier were married Nov. 7 in the Martinez Ward Relief Society room by Bishop Ira J. Markham. About 200 guests attended the wedding reception which followed. Stanley is in the marine corps and will be stationed at Camp Pendleton for awhile.

SHOWERS

RODEO WARD

Miss Constance Storm, daughter of Mary and William Bigelow, Pinole, was honored with a bridal shower, Nov. 13, at the home of Nellie Stanworth, Margie Hayden assisting.

Connie will be married to Raymond Reed, son of Mrs. Wilhelmina Reed, El Sobrante, on Dec. 5, in the Martinez Chapel.

SAN FRANCISCO WARD

A shower for Ruth Smith was given by Elizabeth Stephenson on Nov. 16 at Elizabeth's home. Lavon Pardini and Loya Preybyla arranged a surprise shower for Maxine Wright on Nov. 13, at the home of Mrs. Charles E. Wright.

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Stanley and Joy Knight, and gracing the home of Sally and Brooks Gleason is a brand new daughter.

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George and Margaret Allen are blessed with a lovely new daughter.

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Bishop and Sarah Affleck has a new great-granddaughter, her mother is the former Joyce Shultz.

OBITUARIES

BALBOA:

Deepest sympathy is expressed to the family of Sister Bloodwen Davis, who passed away October 28.

To the family of George F. Simister, deep sympathy is expressed upon the death of his father at his home in Salt Lake City, Nov. 12th.

MARTINEZ:

Our sympathies are with Bertha Cook and family. Her husband, Roy, passed away recently in Utah.

OAKLAND FOURTH

LERON K. Green, 59, of the Oakland 4th ward passed away November 15, 1953. A native of Elwood, Utah, he is survived by his wife, Myrtle G. Green, and the following children: Mrs. June Aviani of Berkeley, Mrs. Helen Cryderman of El Cerrito, Wayne L. Green of Sacramento and Mrs. Dawna Latimer of Concord; six brothers and sisters living in Utah and Arizona.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 18, 1953 at the Robinson Brothers Mortuary, Oakland, with Bishop Curtis R. Bybee conducting; speakers were James C. Nackos and John Robert Brinton was held Aug. 14th at the Pleasant Grove First Ward chapel.

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BALBOA:

Sister Val Parmley is in Salt Lake City visiting her oldest daughter and new grandson . . . Bro. William George has returned to Bro. George F. Simister attended his father's funeral in Salt Lake City, Nov. 14th. . . . welcome back Carol Jensen and new baby daughter.

Best wishes for speedy recovery, Sisters Marion Cummings and Beatrice Simister.

PLEASANT HILL:

Mrs. June Harris, a visitor in the home of Dorothy and Bill Matthews for several weeks, recently left to establish her home at Pacific Grove. A bride of three months, June joined her husband, (Dorothy's brother) Al, who is stationed at Fort Ord.

MISSION WARD:

Brother and Sister Everett Henry have returned from a two week's vacation trip to southern California where they visited the new Temple being erected in Los Angeles.

CONCORD:

Brother and Sister Linford were in Utah where they had Thanksgiving with their folks.

Sister Kay Knibbe and two sons were in Salt Lake for two weeks in October visiting Kay's mother. Sister Sylvester Broadbent. Brother Broadbent is mission president of the Montana mission with headquarters in Billings, Montana. They were in Salt Lake for general conference.

Bishop Raymond Evenson and his family motored to Utah to attend the one-hundredth birthday celebration of his grandmother, Ruth Mary Fox.

CENTERVILLE BRANCH

Rose Winkle was called back to Provo, Utah, because of the serious illness of her father, Lesley Thompson. He died November 11. Everyone extends sympathy to Sister Winkel.

Our dear Grandma Pugmire has returned to Niles after a long stay in Midvale. Her husband passed away recently in Utah. Olive Pugmire's mother, Sister Margaret Alsop, will stay with her for a month.

Dr. James Robertson returned home Wednesday, Nov. 11 after a three week's trip by train and plane to Florida, New York and Chicago on business for the Westaco Chemical Co.

BIRTHS

BALBOA WARD:

October 4. To Carol and Earl Jensen, in Ogden, a daughter, Judy Ann.

ALAMEDA WARD:

A baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Wallie Sewers.

RODEO WARD:

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Clark at Richmond Hospital, Nov. 1. Kathryn LeAnn.

ORINDA:

President and Sister Thomas Stuart Ferguson are rejoicing over the arrival of their fourth child, a son, Larry Stephen, born November 6.

EAST RICHMOND:

Mr. and Mrs Denton Broug, a new baby son born Oct. 19, 1953.

SAN FRANCISCO WARD:

A baby girl was born to Maxine and E. Wayne Wright on November 6. Cheryl Ann Wright.

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Society

GOINGS AND COMINGS

ORINDA:

Our able ward clerk, Brother Frank Eggerston, has returned from an extended flying trip to Boston, Baltimore and Washington, D. C., where he was sent on official business by his employer, the Shell Chemical company. Enroute home he stopped briefly to visit with his parents in Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Escover of Bogota, Columbia, South America, have been guests of Lillie and Abe Gargaeho. It has been nine years since the Escovars were here. On their way up here, Natalia and Ricardo visited for a time in Guatemala and at beautiful Lake Atitlan in the Guatemalan highlands, as well as Antigua, the old ruined colonial city. After returning to Bogota the middle of December, they will visit in Chicago, Cleveland, New York, and a few days in Havana, Cuba.

BALBOA:

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BERKELEY STAKE

Berkeley Stake Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 3, Stake Family Night, Berkeley Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 15, Ward Christmas parties.
Saturday, Dec. 19, Stake Priesthood Meeting, Berkeley Chapel 8 p.m.
No MIA Leadership Meeting in December.
Thursday, Dec. 31, Ward New Year's parties.

Ruth Hilton Speaks To Fireside at Stake Conference

Berkeley Stake's new M Men-Gleaner Council began its year's activity by holding its first stake Fireside following last month's quarterly conference, November 15.

Sister Ruth Hilton was the principal speaker. She gave a very interesting and informative report of the activities of the Mutual Improvement Association in foreign lands.

Mavis Hawks, council president, arranged the meeting and conducted. She was ably assisted by Jerry Conger, M Men representative, and June Davis, gleaner representative.

Sister Hawks announced that plans are underway for the annual Christmas night dance which has become a traditional event in the Berkeley Stake, the highlight of the Christmas vacation season.

RODEO WARD
Rodeo Branch Now A Ward

By Una Ellsworth

At our last Stake Conference in Berkeley, our Branch became a Ward: Brother T. Cleon Fitt, bishop, with Vernal Horn and Leslie Pryor, counselors and Leo Stewart, ward clerk.

We are certain that the best wishes of all the members will be with the new bishopric, and that our ward may well justify the confidence placed in us by our stake president. We extend love and appreciation to our retiring president, Ruel Wanlass.

Sister Adreinne Fails was released as Mutual president and Kay Ballard sustained.

Dorothy Wanlass, daughter of president Ruel Wanlass, is attending BYU, and was released as SS pianist and Sister Whitaker was sustained.

Asael Boyce and Robert Kersey were sustained as first and second assistant superintendante in the YMMIA.

ORINDA BRANCH.

Children Presented With Testaments, Books of Mormon

By LILLIE B. BANGAEHR.

The following children were baptized and confirmed this past month: Tommy Eggertson, Claudia Powell, Marilyn McManus and Barry Hutchinson. Branch President Ferguson presented each child with a copy of the Book of Mormon. Elva Hutchinson presented each child with a copy of the New Testament.

Two babies were blessed at our last Fast Meeting: Lisa Beutler, daughter of Charles Stanley Beutler, and Bess Peterson Beutler; and Lindsay Marsing, daughter of Donald R. and Veneta Elaine Peterson Marsing.

Congratulations also to the Samuel Scotts on the birth of their second grandchild, little David Steven, born to son Walter and Geneve Scott of Walnut Creek on October 22.

A teen-age party was given at the home of the James E. Merlarty on Lucesta Drive. Brother Neil K. Holbrook had charge of the affair.

CONCORD WARD

Ward Chapel Grows, Concrete Poured For Foundation, Floors

By Netta C. Skidmore

Thanks to the men who are so faithful, we are now ready to pour the foundation and floor of the recreation hall and chapel if the weather will permit.

The Improvement Era drive is now on, let's all improve our reading by getting the best literature, "The Improvement Era" in every home.

Mutual officers and teachers plan a Christmas party December 4.

A Hallowe'en apron and overall dance was held. Apples were in all conspicious places for all to munch on during the evening, while the orchestra gave out with beautiful strains.

Relief Society

Our monthly work and business meeting was held at Peggy Bentley's, a large crowd spent the evening making fussy little dainties for dolls, which were sold Nov. 24 at the Christmas gift bazaar, along with other hand work. A rummage sale was also held which was open to the public.

Maurine Nicolaysen Talented Musician Dies in Berkeley

Emily Maurine Orme Nicolaysen, wife of Mack Nicolaysen, died in Herrick Memorial Hospital, Berkeley, October 27th. The funeral services were held in the Berkeley chapel, November 1. Taking part in the services were Mary Burton, Denzel C. Allen, Enid Young, Reed Chase, and J. Edward Johnson, and Bishop Cornwell B. Jarman. The interment took place at Sunset Cemetery and the dedicatory prayer was offered by William T. Hicken. The funeral services were attended by a large number, bespeaking the love and regard with which Maurine Nicolaysen and her family are held in the Berkeley Wards.

The Nicolaysen family came to Berkeley in 1942. There are three children, Arthur, Robert, and Carol. Sister Nicolaysen was born in Nottingham, England, October 13, 1908, while her parents, Lafayette and Emily (Stengreen) Orme, were filling a mission in that country. Maurine and Mack were married in the Salt Lake Temple on June 11, 1930, by President Grant. Brother Nicolaysen had just graduated from the University of Utah and was leaving for a mission to Denmark. Maurine engaged in teaching in Tooele, while Brother Nicolaysen was away. This was the beginning of depression years. Brother and Sister Nicolaysen, therefore, commenced their lives together in a stern school. Upon Mack's return they made Salt Lake City their home where Arthur and Bob were born. Carol was born in Berkeley.

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Maurine Nicolaysen was an accomplished musician. She gave freely of her time and talent. Her life, through this service, touched the community in civic, social, religious, and educational ways. She was gentle, soft-spoken, and full of love for all. While she will be greatly missed by her family and many friends, her friendliness and kindliness will always be a source of inspiration to those who knew her.

WALNUT CREEK WARD

Gamma Rho Chi Girls Organized; Work, Trips Planned

By Verna Mayfield

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BERKELEY SECOND

Mervin Riddle Leaves Mission Presidency

By ANNA LEA SPENCER

Mervin Riddle has been released as district president of the missionaries. Roy Clovis was also released. The new district president in Cline Black. Harold McNamara and Ned Clyde have also been called as local missionaries.

Our new Sunday School board is Boyd Farr, Bob Cain and Gunnar Larson, counselors, Clyde Rasmusson is special assistant. Oliver Fullfer is the new teacher of the 10-11 year olds. Thanks to Eugene Jacobs, Lavell Flamm, David Hulme who have been released after faithful services.

The newest members of our church this month are Susan Jane Holmes, Ferryle Bryant McOmber Jr. and George William Johnson Jr.

Welcome to new ward members Donald Keith Turner, wife Lula and daughters Donna and Pamela Louise; Gladys Stengreen Orme, were filling a mission in that country. Maurine and Mack were married in the Salt Lake Temple on June 11, 1930, by President Grant. Brother Nicolaysen had just graduated from the University of Utah and was leaving for a mission to Denmark. Maurine engaged in teaching in Tooele, while Brother Nicolaysen was away. This was the beginning of depression years. Brother and Sister Nicolaysen, therefore, commenced their lives together in a stern school. Upon Mack's return they made Salt Lake City their home where Arthur and Bob were born. Carol was born in Berkeley.

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BERKELEY STAKE:

Priesthood Teachers Instruction Class To Commence

Beginning with the first Priesthood - Leadership meeting in 1954, a class of instruction for all group priesthood teachers will be held monthly in conjunction with Priesthood Leadership meeting. Convening at 9:00 p.m., immediately following the general session, this class will be conducted by John R. Martinez of the Fourth Quorum of Elders.

Elder Martinez was born in 1927 in Midvale, Utah, spent most of his childhood in Sacramento. He attended Sacramento Junior College and Brigham Young University, receiving his A. B. from B.Y.U. in 1950. He married Evelyn Barker of Provo the same year in the Manti temple. He is continuing work toward a Ph. D. in history at the University of California.

Leonard L. Smith

Leonard L. Smith of Rodeo Branch has been called to assist the Stake Committee in the work with the Elder's Quorums.

Brother Smith was born in Curtis, Nebraska, April 7, 1908. He is a convert to the Church, being baptized in March of 1950. He has been a very active worker in the Church and has done service as an Aaronic Priesthood coordinator, as a Ward Mutual superintendent, and was a Sunday School teacher. In his spare time he has operated an upholstery and drapery shop in Rodeo.

chael Jennings and Gary Mosier, counselors.

Grant Shaw has been released as Chairman of the Genealogical committee. Werner Vom Dorp will serve in his place. Andrew H. Easton is counselor, Loretta Cook, secretary, and Mabel Wadsworth and Aiva Forsyth, home teachers.

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PALO ALTO STAKE NEWS

Palo Alto To Dedicate Stake Center

The combination Palo Alto Stake center and Menlo Park-Palo Alto Ward chapel will be dedicated Sunday, December 13, by Stephen L. Richards of the First Presidency.

LOS ALTOS WARD CHAPEL

Los Altos Ward chapel of Palo Alto Stake was dedicated November 29. Los Altos became part of Palo Alto stake at the time San Jose Stake was organized, having previously been a branch in the Northern California Mission. John Longden represented the General Authorities and offered the dedicatory prayer.

MENLO PARK MISSIONARIES

Menlo Park Ward sent two missionaries. Loyd D. Wilson was given a farewell party November 2. Before leaving for the Mexican Mission. This is a second mission for Elder Wilson who is still a single man, having made a mission in Texas. He worked out where the guide leaders of each ward take turns having the entirt stake group of from 20 to 30 boys for a month each, during which time they meet twice.

Wearing the official guide scout neckerchief, supplied by the Primary, the boys met twice with Brother Celentano of Mission Ward, who took them through the tenderfoot tests. Now the boys are going to visit the submarine base in Oakland with Brother Ashton, assistant scoutmaster of Balboa Ward. This will be followed by a trip with the Coast Guard to the Farallone Islands. Also planned are a workshop trip to Stern Grove, and a cooking, camping and hiking trip to Lake Anza. Needless to say, the boys are enthusiastic over the plans made for them.

SUPT. WESLEY TOLLEY of the Stake Sunday school reports that leadership meetings will be held in the future, every other month on the third Sunday at 2 p.m.

Messenger Representatives

HAROLD JENSEN of Balboa Ward has accepted the position of stake representative of the Messenger, and James Tomlinson of San Rafael Ward will represent the stake as advertising and publicity director.

THE LARGEST contribution ever made to the stake welfare program was turned over to the stake presidency by Emmett Beattie, senior president of the Seventy's Quorum, when he presented a check for $675, proceeds of the annual welfare dinner, which was held October 24.

● Don't send your children to their Sunday school; bring them.

SAN MATEO

Ward Rolls Near Nine Hundred By January, '54

Since Pres. David O. McKay dedicated the San Mateo Ward chapel, Feb. 22, 1953, the ward has experienced a wonderful growth in membership and activity. At the time of the dedication, the ward population was 761; it is now officially reach 900 by the beginning of 1954.

For the first time in the history of the ward, nearly every recommended ward office and position of service is filled and all of the auxiliary organizations are thriving and functioning in a manner that is a satisfaction to the ward and stake leaders.

Activities Formerly Scattered

During the year before we moved into our new chapel, we were forced to carry on our activities in two cities and in four different buildings. It is a great thrill and blessing to be able to have our scouting, our dances, bazaars, entertainments, dramatic productions, etc., in our own "home." Our space is already being taxed to capacity. Our main chapel won't always seat the Sunday school and Primary has outgrown the Junior Sunday school and Primary chapel.

Centerville Branch

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cis Winkel. Over five thousand have been sold. The women prepared a hot meal to help out. Not to be outdone by the men, Rose Winkel, Isabelle Axborrow, Ardia Cazier, Wilma Steadman, Artie, and Murna Green and others, stayed with the job most of the day.

Jay Jibson, with a huge caterpillar tractor has felled many of the trees in preparation for home building; and on Sat., Nov. 14th, members of the priesthood razed the tank house and old barn on the property.

It is a joy to see more families move into this district. The Bakers, six in number, bought Pacific, the model home built by Dan Bodily. The Moffatts, five of them, live in Decoto.

Since the Newark auditorium, where we have met since last June, has been sold, the Centerville Br. will meet at the Women's Country Club of Washington Township, on Parish Ave., in Centerville; beginning the first week in December. The Club will be available Wednesdays and Sundays. Those organizations meeting on Tuesday, the Relief Society and Primary, will need to change their day to Wednesday. Come and see us in our new location.

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SAN MATEO WARD.

San Mateo Ward Leads The Stake In Wheat Project

"San Mateo Ward now becomes the first ward, we believe, to establish a permanent welfare project in the Palo Alto Stake," says a report by the ward's bishopric in November.

One of the finest small commercial type flour mills available. It is stated, is now in operation supplying whole wheat flour and cracked wheat cereal to order.

The plan is to grind products fresh each week and to deliver orders at the chapel Tuesday evenings for members' convenience in taking home after MIA. Other deliveries also are offered. The Relief Society furnishes recipes and informations to homemakers.

"Mateo Messenger", Ward Mimeod Paper Renders Real Service

With the motto, "All sharing the work; all sharing the blessings," the "Mateo Messenger" carried vital messages in November into every home in San Mateo Ward.

Featured was a full-page bishopric's heart to heart talk to the ward the editor's two pages of "The Rambling Reporter." Mary B. Smith called on a dozen ward mothers and then the reader with some refreshing, inspiring interviews.

San Francisco Ward

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and Julie Kay Juchau.

New ward Aaronic Priesthood Quorum Counselors are Paul Jolley, first counselor, and Joseph Burdette, second counselor.

Sister Nina Walker recently left for Roanoke, Virginia, where she will fulfill a full time mission under the direction of President and Sis. Claude W. Nalder. President Nalder was bishop of San Francisco Ward for many years. Prior to her departure, Sis. Walker was surprised with a farewell party given by Mrs. Charles E. Wright at the home of LaVon and Henry Pardini.

Elden Jay Stephenson, son of Melbourne and Elizabeth Stephenson was blessed on Nov. 1.

David M. Steed, son of Seymour and Jane Steed, was baptized on October 31st, and confirmed d member of the church Nov. 1st, by his father.

Visitors: Norman and Tillie Dunn; Albert and Alice Whipple from Menlo Park; Jack and Lee Taylor from Palo Alto; Joe and Ruth Brown from Walnut Creek. We were hapy to have them back.

Hard Times Dinner - Dance Held at Richmond

Approximately 172 members of the Richmond Ward are now ready to declare that the old-fashioned "Hard-time Dinner-Dance," arranged by the MIA, November 20 was a prosperous success despite the name.

Hard times were turned into good times as shown by the $27 which was turned into the MIA budget after everyone had feasted sumptuously on good plain food.

The MIA Maids did a commendable work of serving on tables, and many others contributed to the success of the affair under the general chairmanship of Phil Lewis. Bishop Carmen cooked the beans, a fact that won general acclaim.

BERKELEY STAKE NEWS

Capacity Audience Berkeley Conference Hears Alma Sonne

Elder Alma Sonne, Assistant to the Council of Twelve, paid his first visit to a Berkeley Conference, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14 and 15, when he represented the General Authorities at the stake's last Quarterly conference of 1953.

With a reported 1049 persons in attendence, the conference met under sunny skies and in balmy weather for three Sunday sessions. A long Saturday evening welfare and priesthood meeting was held.

Attending with Elder Sonne was T. C. Stayner of the General Welfare Committee who related moving stories of deep human interest regarding people helped and inspired through the welfare program.

Also heard at the conference were the three members of the stake presidency, high councilmen Denzel C. Allen, and Timothy Morley; returned missionary Douglas Harmon, now in the armed service, and Richard Sonne of the Palo Alto Stake presidency.

Floral Decorations

A beautiful yellow and russet chrysanthemums floral arrangement graced the front of the pulpit, thanks to Berkeley First and Second Wards.

Special music for the morning session was furnished by the Berkeley Second Ward choir led by chorister Richard W. Owens with Mary Burton at the organ. They sang, "The King Is My Shepherd," and "Ave Verum."

At the afternoon meeting the Singing Mothers of Walnut Creek sang, 'Just For Today," and "Peace I Leave With You," led by Francelle Larsen.

Nico D. Snel, stake chorister, led in congregational numbers.

Organizational Changes

Released from the stake high council with hearty votes of appreciation were Fred J. Hatt, George F. Olsen, and T. Cleon Fitt. Sustained as high councilors were Kenneth Jensen, James Sabine, and Le Roi B. Gardner. Leonard L. Smith was sustained a member of the stake Aaronic priesthood committee.

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William Joseph Wightman second counselor to Bishop Clinton H. Esperson of the East Richmond Ward, in place of Bert J. Leavitt released, was set apart to his office by Alma Sonne.

The Gamma Rho Chi girls served noon luncheon for the conference.

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EAST RICHMOND WARD

Glen Grathem Arrives Safe In Germany

By ALSINE WIGHTMAN.

We are happy that Glen Grathem, one of our servicemen, has arrived safely at his destination. He is stationed at Essengen, Germany. He tells us he has traveled 80 miles to attend Sacrament meeting in Heidelberg, where there are about 50 members. He was very happy when an LDS major, a member of the Heidelberg Branch asked him to spend Sunday with his family. Glen says that he feels chilled by the cold weather, because he is used to California winters. Glen has been separated from his old buddies, and has spent some time visiting old churches alone.

Glen's address is: HG. and HG Co., 51st Ord. Gp., APO 154 70 P. M., New York, New York.

Margean Ridge tells us her husband Jack is waiting shipment overseas, and will probably go to Europe.

Our ward is planning a big welfare budget dinner the early part of December. We would like to have everyone to come and have a good time and a good dinner.

Don't forget: Our ward is selling Christmas trees on the stake's welfare lot, San Pablo Avenue and Fink Lane. We expect to have all kinds of trees and the very finest ones. The lot should be open December 1 for sale of these trees. Please support us and get your tree at lowest prices.

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PLEASANT HILL:

Costumes of Many Lands Highlight Special Program

Colorful costumes from many lands were worn by the Singing Mothers, with Evelyn Tueller as director, at the recent Relief Society program given to honor Relief Society women in other countries.

Women of Pleasant Hill Ward who enjoy singing are cordially invited to join the Singing Mothers.

CHOIR—

It was a pleasure to hear for the first time the recently organized Pleasant Hill Ward choir, singing under the talented direction of Joanne Chalmers. The choir, still looking for new members, sang at the preparatory Thanksgiving sacrament service.

PRIMARY—

Maurine Perona, Primary president, welcomes two new ladies to her staff—Metta Nielsen, pianist, and Armona McClurg, teacher of the "Top Pilots."

Dolls, bikes, teddy bears and the likes — are all waiting for you at the Toy Store at the home of Geneve and Wally Scott. Take advantage of the large selection — both members and friends—and thus aid the building fund . . . Speaking of building funds—have YOU met your pledge this month?

COMING EVENTS.

Primary members of the ward program will present at the Ward party December 22 evening; there will be refreshments.

All ladies from the Pleasant Hill Ward and the Walnut Creek Ward are invited to attend the Christmas tea to be held December 17 from 2 until 3:30 p.m.

STAKE MISSIONARY COLUMN

Paul Corbridge has just received a call to labor as a stake missionary. Our other stake missionaries are Phyl Hilton, Berkeley Stake mission president; Georgia "Dewey" Williams and her daughter, Jean; Ray Perona and Bob Chalmers.

Thanksgiving Parties

Many friends gathered at the home of Wanda Hilton, wife of our Bishop, to partake of her gracious Thanksgiving hospitality, and Dorothy Matthews entertained a small group of her friends in a "get-acquainted" and Thanksgiving afternoon.

"Happy Birthday" greetings this month go to Coleen Curtis, who is 10 delightful years old.

Coleen is the daughter of Alice and Clarence Curtis.

On August 25, while vacationing in Utah, Alice and Clarence Curtis were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. Sealed to them at that time were their children, Linda, Coleen, 9, and Larry, one year. Linda and Coleen did baptism work for the dead, also.

On August 28, Maurine and Ray Perona were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple to each other and their children, Kathleen, Sherilyn and Clifford. Sister Pearl Taylor, Maurine's great-aunt, accompanied them.

WALNUT CREEK

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club is for research work on family lines and better their knowledge of genealogical work.

The Primary in October participated in the local civic Walnut Festival Children's Parade and took first and second place as group participants. They are also gathering walnuts and bringing them to Primary to be sent to the Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City for Christmas. The children are earning money through small chores at home or elsewhere and also bringing it to fill a "Piggy Bank" to help finance the new ward chapel.

Margaret Krey and Beth Chamberlain have been recently released and Sister Opal Lee sustained as second counselor in the Primary.

The Mutual Hallowe'en dance on October 29 proved more than ghosts and witches. A mystery man — later Ken Jensen — and the ghost home consume won by Carol West were the main highlights of the evening. Virginia Massey guessed the mystery man and won a merchandise certificate. Suitable prizes were awarded Irene Odermatt as the "little old lady," and Phyllis Parmeter as the "mystery man."

A record crowd enjoyed a beef dinner and brought many articles at the annual Relief Society basket social October 15. Ward members who weren't able to attend will be able to buy articles still on hand at work day meeting.

Basketball season November 4, Walnut Creek won by default. November 16, East Richmond 48 and Walnut Creek 37.

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The LDS Institute of Religion at the University of California is enjoying one of the best years of its history. The Lambda Delta Sigma officers for this year are: Alpha Chapter: President George Hilton; Vice-President, Bob Allison; secretary, Julian Sanders; treasurer, Keith Madsen. Omega Chapter: President, Pat Russell; Vice-president, Ellen Menke; secretary, Bonnie Alexander.

Pledges to the two local chapters of Lambda Delta Sigma come from far and near. Besides Oakland and Berkeley, they came from: Provo, Utah; Santa Rosa; Stockton, Shasta; Walnut Creek; Salt Lake City; Santa Monica; Concord; Albany; Malad, Idaho; Mesa, Arizona; Glendale; El Cerrito; Los Angeles; San Mateo; and Argentine, S. A.

During the past summer Dick Evans and Leo Gill toured with the Naval Reserve students in European waters. Thirty-five LDS naval cadets by previous appointment met with the saints in Oslo, Norway.

Alton Davis Teaching

Alton Davis, one of our graduate students, has launched his professional life as a teacher in San Leandro.

Willard Bradshaw, a graduate of Brigham Young University, has enrolled in the University of California graduate school of biochemistry.

The Institute Sunday school superintendency is composed of Cliff Wallace of San Diego, George Denny of Barstow, and Chad Smith of Torrence.

Yvonne Horta, a University of California student from Oakland, was recently baptized a member of the Church.

Austin and Wes Williamson, officers of last year, are attending the medical school this year in San Francisco.

Laura and Gary Wed

Laura Summerhays and Gary Stay, two of our popular students, were recently married in the Salt Lake Temple.

Alice Welti has recently been accepted by the Pacific Air Lines as a stewardess between Tokyo and San Francisco.

Dick Bliss has entered the law school at the University of California.

The officers for our evening services are: Norman Waters, Gridley; Ray Young, Tracy; and Jed Adams of Yuba City.

Sandra Tucker of Berkeley played one of the leads in the University of California's Axe-travganza.

The Vic Clines At Carmel.

Dr. and Mrs. Vic Cline are professionally established at Carmel-by-the-Sea. Vic was one of our leading Institute students and last June was awarded a doctor's degree. Morris Cline, a brother of Vic, and a June graduate of the University of California and past president of Lambda Delta Sigma, is training for officers' ordeal in the United States Marines. He is at present training in Virginia.

Bruce Harless, a University of California student of last year, recently married Marlene Seeley of Mt. Pleasant, Utah, and left for an LDS mission in East Germany. Bruce was accepted in the Stanford medical school and will pick up this part of his career after his mission for the Church is completed.

Bob Burdett and Lois Neilson were recently married in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Forty-two Mormon students from the local LDS Institute of Religion were the guests of the Stanford Deseret Club, after the Big Game at Palo Alto November 21st.

AMA To Suspend Liquor, Cigaret Ads In Journals

Cigaret advertising to the extent of more than $100,000 a year is being surrendered by the American Medical Assn., in its various publications, according to official announcements Nov. 9th from Chicago.

The ban on certain types of advertisements in the AMA's eleven publications also include all tobacco, and liquor companies.

Reasons for this action were given as reader reactions and extravagant medical claims in some cigaret ads.

Director Named In BYU Religious Graduate Studies

Dr. Sidney B. Sperry of the "Y" faculty now becomes director of a new graduate division of religion. He will now devote himself to research and to the direction of graduate scholars in advanced studies of religion.

Dr. Sperry states that since the BYU has become the mother institution of the entire Church educational system, our church teachers of institutes and seminaries will converge on the BYU for higher degrees. Hence, current expansion of the graduate level will enable such students to study in an atmosphere of their own religion without the necessity of travel to distant colleges as in the past.

It is felt that many valuable publications in Church history and doctrine will flow eventually from Dr. Sperry and those who do graduate work under him.

Utah-Born Author Sees More Interest In Mormon Culture

● Virginia Sorenson, Utah-born author of "A Little Lower Than The Angels," and "The Evening and the Morning Star," recently stated at a U of U novel workshop there is a large current upsurge of interest in Mormon culture which give to Utah fiction writers unlimited opportunities. She spoke of the vast reservoir of documented historical material" readily available because of the records kept of pioneer Utah, all of which are invaluable sources of background material for historical novels.

● The following was quietly copied from a framed certificate on the office wall in S. F.: "The Top Ten Award: Serge Lauper earned this Certificate of Merit for sales achievement during the fiscal year 1952. First in Nation Sales Standing. — Charles R. Hadley Co." This national company has its S. F. office on Market Street.

● Lu Markham, BYU student, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Markham of Concord, is the 1953 editor of the "Y's" directory giving names, addresses, phones of students, faculty, societies, service units, and all officers. 3500 copies are distributed by the White Keys, senior women's honorary service unit.

● Mr. Robert J. Anderson and Mr. Russell L. Kern, local Beneficial Life Insurance Company representatives attended in October a training school conducted at the company's home office in Salt Lake City, Utah. They were two of nine representatives chosen for excellency of records from the states of Idaho, Wyoming, California, Utah, and Washington.

● Bishop Ostler, Hayward, greeted us heartily when we called at his office in the basement floor of the spacious McClellan home in Hayward. The bishop is office manager and accountant for the Ross McClellan Building Co., who contract largely on commercial and school structures in the area. Ross was not at home, but Sister McClellan received us in her usual genial spirit.

● Bishop Ben Lamkin extended a big hand, being a big man, in his home which serves also as headquarters for insurance work.

● Californians were in the news at the BYU again in November.

Ronald Wilcon, a BYU student from Modesto, California, has written the story for a variety musical show, the story of life in a typical college. The original music for the production has been composed by another Californian, Linda Worsley of Pasadena. The show was presented at the "Y", Nov. 18-21.

● Harold R. Gaisford writes from 1526 Wasatch Dr., Salt Lake City, on the Penn Mutual stationery, that they are hungry for Bay Area news and hence subscribes for the Messenger. He adds (it pleases us greatly), "I know the advertising we placed with the Messenger in the past did have some effect on several calls that I made."

● Wayne E. Mayhew, Berkeley, has opened accounting service offices in Milwaukee and also in Rochester, New York, thus extending this service eastward beyond its present Chicago office. All this in addition to offices in several cities in California and the Northwest.

● J. Edward Johnson, former member of Oakland Stake presidency, and attorney living in Berkeley and practicing law in S. F., feels he has to maintain a footing on the soil, being farm reared. So-o-o, it is learned he has acquired over 100 acres of Orinda hill land and has, on part of it, a small herd of pure bred Hereford cattle, and several riding horses for the younger set.

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Dean Price, Local Architect, Busy With Plans

Leslie Dean Price, Berkeley First, is working on several plans for modern homes for local members, it has been learned. Offices of the architect are in the Acheson Building, Berkeley, and are shared with C. Woodrow (Woody) Bates, civil engineer.

Among the plans for new homes are those of Elmo R. Smith, attorney, member of the Oakland Stake Presidency, Marlton Simons and Harold S. Eldredge.

Approved plans for Oakland 5th Ward's new chapel were displayed Novtmber 22.

Recommendations are being made locally, it is said, that Dean Price be made an assistant architect on Oakland Fifth Ward plans to give the California touch. Final word is being awaited.

Meredith Wilson Elected President Univ. of Oregon

Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, well and favorably known in Berkeley Stake from the time of his residence in the East Bay while attending the University of California and fulfilling requirements for a Ph. D. degree, was elected president of the University of Oregon, October 27, 1953, according to news dispatches.

While in Berkeley, Elder Wilson, son of the late Guy C. Wilson, former BYU professor, won general respect for his charming personality, devoted Church service and gift of speech.

Since then he has gone high in the field of education. From professor of political science at the University of Utah, he became dean of the University college at the U. of U., until December, 1952, when he became secretary of the fund for education, Ford Foundation, New York City.

The University of Oregon, located at Eugene, has a daytime enrollment of approximately 5000. Twenty other candidates were considered for the position by the Oregon board of higher education. His wife is the former Marie Wilson, daughter of David. J. Wilson of Ogden.

Daken K. Broadhead Back In Pasadena; Made New Bishop

Daken K. Broadhead recently returned to Pasadena from Washington, D. C., where he was executive assistant to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson. He resigned the government position and resumed his post as president of Allied Record Manufacturing Co., and its affiliates, because increased business demanded his return to the company he pioneered.

He was sustained bishop of South Pasadena Ward September 25. He once served as Oakland Stake YMMIA superintendent, and in several bishoprics in the southland.

Elder Broadhead is Nephi, Utah, born and a graduate of Utah State at Logan.

LDS Jewelers In Kahns. Swans. In Downtown Oakland

Davis L. Kittinger of Oakland Stake has for years kept the watch and jewelry department in Kahn's department store, Broadway, in Oakland.

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When we called in October this department was keeping its two jewelers busy. The fall rates and the approaching holiday season were felt in the volume of trade, it was believed.

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Conrad Barber the Tenth Street Market's jeweler likewise is a busy counter as one may observe any time by visiting, "Rad's Watch and Repairs" in Swan's Market, Washington at Tenth Street, Oakland.

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'Dick' Owen's Father Logan Mayor Again; Wins In Primary

William W. Owens was re-elected mayor of Logan, Utah, early in November.

Mayor Owens is the father of Richard W. Owens, Berkeley Second Ward's chorister and also the busy secretary of the State Chamber of Commerce, and of Hazel Owens Ball, the popular soprano soloist of Berkeley, wife of Russell Ball, recently moved to Livermore, and also of Ruth Owens Bowen of Palo Alto. Dale Bowen, Ruth's husband, is associated with Pres. Wayne E. Mayhew in a large accounting business with main offices in San Francisco.

"Grandfather" Owens was formerly a stake president in Logan and also director of extension work for Utah State college.

Leonard Lyons Secures Exclusive For Cliff May Homes

The many friends of Leonard Lyons are pleased to read the large announcements made in the Oakland Tribune and now in the Messenger that he has completed and has opened for inspection the first of the famous Cliff May homes in Alameda County.

Brother Lyons has the exclusive rights in the county, it is learned, and is associated in this enterprise with Charles Maurer and Dr. Milton Ream. Orders for erection of many of these comfortable homes are being received. They are said to be uniquely beautiful, spacious, sturdy and economical.

The first model Cliff May home was opened for inspection November 22, and is being kept open daily at 984 Lewelling Boulevard, San Lorenzo, it is announced. It is furnished by Breuners.

John Q. Gobbler Again Holds Court In County Cranberry

"In the supreme court of the State of Turkey in and for the County of Cranberry," begins an official looking subpoena again mailed before Thanksgiving to hundreds of East Bay homes from the law offices of 'Brown, Smith and Ferguson, Oakland.

In keeping with a tradition of several years standing this legal trio thus summoned friends to attend an open house at their Franklin street offices the day before Thanksgiving "to give expert testimony regarding certain turkey, ham and other carefully prepared sandwiches with apple cider. . . ."

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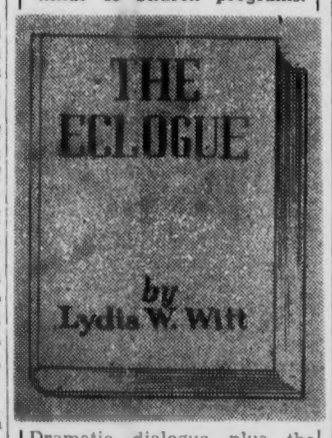

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Lt. Paul A. Thomson Perfects Launcher Declared Impossible

Lt. Paul A. Thomson of the Guided Missel Group stationed at Patrick Air Force Base, Melbourne, Florida, son of Esther and Henry Eyring Thomson, late high councilman or San Francisco Stake, is now given public printed recognition "for accomplishing a feat that most engineers and technical experts at the time stated was impossible."

Conceived and initiaited in June 1951, completed, tested and approved in September 1952, the

LT. PAUL A. THOMSON

Thomson Missel Launcher is currently being used to launch the Lark Missel, having replaced all other devices used heretofore by large engineering concerns.

By May, 1953, Lt Thomson, who is declared to be "the least assuming officer that abides on Patrick AFB," had written the script and supervised the shooting of a film titled, "Testing and Development of the Thomson Launcher." He also had written a comprehensive report to acquaint higher headquarters with the results of the projects.

Brother Thomson is now in Japan. His wife and baby girl, Leslie Lyman, are staying with Mrs. Esther Thomson of Sunset Ward, until they can join the lieutenant in the spring. His address is given as: 815th Troop Carrier Sqdn., APO No. 75, c/o P. M., San Francisco, California.

NO CALIF. MISSION

Elders Distributing Books of Mormon Make High Records

The Elders laboring in the Northern California Missions report sales of 312 Books of Mormon in October 1953. 167 copies in addition were loaned to investigators. Average expenses of the 58 missionaries in the missions for the month was $64.29.

The four leading Elders in distributing Books of Mormon were in the Monterey district. They distributed respectively 32, 32, 28, and 28 copies.

The report for October reveals that many of the missionaries held from 39 to 69 cottage meetings during the month.

GRAMATICAL ERRORS

The Mission bulletin announces that a page on grammar in the bulletin will be a monthly feature hereafter. The bulletin laments the frequent usage of poor grammar by the Elders, saying "No one likes to see a shabby overcoat over a beautiful suit." The overcoat may be you if your English and manners are bad, and the suit, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us make that overcoat as fine as that which lies beneath."

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LIAHONAS CLUB

Charles Stamps, wife and family of four teen-age boys—real boys—are the farthest east Liahon Club members. They live in Oakdale, California, having moved there in the early part of the year from their old home in Alameda, where "Chuck" had served in every office up to the bishopric.

Has that distance caused the Charles Stamps family to lose interest in the Liahona Lodge? Quite the opposite! They are 90 miles closer to the campsite in the Stanislaus forest. The Stamps have camped on the site as a family, and Charles, the wife, and the boys have done yeoman service working on the lodge in June, three times in July, three times in August, once in September.

Finally, when the snow threatened to block traffic for the season, the Stamps dashed to the lodge October 24, boarded up the doors and windows, turned the outside dining tables upside down, shut off the water and drained the main pipe and left everything safe and snug for the long reign of king winter in those high Sierras.

That was the ninth work period for the Stamps on the lodge in 1953, for a total of 120 hours, excelling in man hours all but two other persons during the season. No one excelled the Stamps in the number and regularity of work periods at the lodge.

Clyde W. Lindsay

There is one other person, however, without whose 129 donated hours of skilled work as a carpenter on the lodge and without whose leadership in taking the home building crew of craftsmen to add their might in the more difficult phases of construction — without all this, we say, the lodge would still stand half completed. In fact, it was Clyde W. and his skilled crew who constructed and lifted into place the great steel-braced roof trusses last fall (1952) after the first snow storm had already fallen and driven them out once before. They then persisted until the roof itself was ready for the roofing job by Marion Caldwell before the winter of '52 set in.

So, men have seemingly been stimulated at crucial moments to take over and do the impossible. The now completed lodge stands as a monument to these men and a few others like them —all led and backed by that one man who first caught the vision of a Liahona lodge and still stands its staunchest champion —A. D. Erickson.

On The Bookshelf

By Ward H. Forman,
Berk. 1st Ward

A brand new book, "The First 2,000 Years," has just been released from the press, after 15 years of research by the author, W. Cleon Skousen.

This new book deals with a relatively new field — compiling everything that has been received by the Church concerning the first 2,000 years of human history — from Adam to Abraham, and is an extremely interesting and unusual selection.

Some of the perplexing questions raised in the Old Testament are answered by the use of ancient and modern scripture. Typical questions are: Why did the Lord give Adam and Eve two seemingly contradictory commandments? Where did Cain get his wife? Why did the Lord ask Abraham to sacrifice his son? What was the reason for the longevity of the early people? What significance does the city of Enoch hold for present-day Church members? What was the origin of the Egyptians?

The First 2,000 years has two characteristics: (1) It is a book that students will want to read again and again; (2) it is a book that the casual reader will lay down after the first reading with satisfaction and understanding!

The First 2,000 Years is recommended as one of the best LDS books to come off the press in many years. This volume can be purchased from the following dealers: I. B Ball, 1612 Spruce, Berkeley, AS. 3-8131; and W. H. Forman, 1321 Dwight Way, Apt. K. Berkeley, TH. 3-7835; H. W. Burgon, 634 27th St., Richmond; Leslie R. Korth, 1161 Santa Fe, Martinez.

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